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RE: VIRGINIA HILL alias
Virginia D'Algy.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 2, 1942, regarding Virginia Hill and her activities in Los Angeles.

It is desired that you vigorously pursue this inquiry in an effort to determine the source of her finances and to ascertain whether her activities constitute any violation over which the Bureau has jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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VIRGINIA HILL - photograph
MIGUELITO VALDEZ - photograph

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Washington, D. C.

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ATTENTION: MR. E. A. TAMM

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephonic communication with MR. E. A. TAMM concerning VIRGINIA HILL. I am submitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared for me by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL in this connection.

Appropriate inquiries will be continued through financial channels to further determine the source of income of this person as well as that of ARTHUR SOLOMON.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California
June 29, 1942

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge:

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Re: Virginia Hill, with
alias Virginia D'Algy;
Arthur George Solomon;
Information Concerning

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The following is the result of my investigation concerning the above named individuals, in accordance with your instructions:

VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
Biographical Data

This girl presently resides in what is known as the Falcon-Lair, the home built by RUDOLPH VALENTINO, No. 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California. According to the records of the local telephone company, the address of this house is 1436 Bella Drive, Los Angeles; unlisted telephone number, CR 6-8045, serves this residence and is in the name of JUAN ROMERO, reputedly the owner of this property. There are three hand sets scattered about the residence. MIGUELITO VALDES, with alias, MIGUELITO VALDEZ, a Cuban singer presently with XAVIER CUGAT'S Band, it is understood also resides at this address.

In an issue of the Los Angeles Examiner for November 5, 1941, an article written by JAMES LEE, feature writer, exploited VIRGINIA HILL, who was variously known as the "Female Rex St. Cyr," "The Belle of the Bistros" in view of the fabulous and expensive parties she has given. This article stated that she at that time was twenty-four years of age; born in Holland of an American Mother and a half-Indian Father, the latter named MACK HILL. It continued that she grew up in Bessemer, Alabama; that her Mother is presently residing in Marietta, Georgia; that she has six brothers and three sisters.

The records of the local Retail Merchants' Credit Association gave as former addresses 1623 - 6th Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama; 1055 Sanborn Avenue, Los Angeles; and 8582 Lookout Mountain, Los Angeles. The records of that organization also reflect that MACK W. HILL from Alabama is a farmer and not believed in a position to assist the subject; further that she had claimed that a brother, R. C. HILL, sent her money as needed. Informants however, told the Credit Company that he is not in a position to contribute to her support. No bank accounts were listed in the records of this company; however there was a notation

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that HILL had once been the Manager of a store at 64 East Blake Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the ALLAMAN MILLINERY COMPANY.

The article of November 5, 1941, previously mentioned as appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner, continued with reference to Subject that a few months before she had given a $7500.00 champagne party at the Mocambo Restaurant in this City, and quoted her as saying "People say I'm a gangster's sweetie, making a fortune running refugees through Mexico, etc.; how silly. I married money, and it kind of took to me ever after." Continuing, the article stated that when fourteen years of age, HILL had married one GEORGE ROGERS in Alabama; that the marriage had not lasted, but that the subject got a good settlement. Shortly thereafter she married OSSIE GRIFFIN, University of Alabama Football star. This marriage was also annulled, but she got some more money in settlement. Not knowing what to do with her money, HILL told the reporter that she got lawyers and people to invest it for her. In January, 1940, subject HILL married CARLOS VALDEZ, a Mexican dancer. They were divorced in December of the same year. A New York night club was purchased by HILL for $40,000.00 to give him a place to work.

The article concluded by stating that HILL'S principal boyfriend was one Major RIDDLE, "a Chicago trucking magnate, with a penthouse, race horses, and the same kind of a yen for fun that I've got." HILL concluded that he had lots of money, and called her long distance every night.

In the issue of the Los Angeles Examiner for December 22, 1941, appeared another article with a picture of her entitled "Feminine Diamond JIM BRADY and REX ST. CYR rolled into one." This reflected that HILL had said adieu to her night club spending and was to join the Red Cross in Chicago; also that she had told SAM GOLDWYN, Producer, that she was through with pictures. In this connection, attached hereto are two photographs of Subject, which portray her as testing for the SAM GOLDWYN production "Ball of Fire" in which HILL was supposed to have appeared portraying her role as a giver of night club parties. The article in the Examiner, previously mentioned, stated that according to her canceled check stubs, she had contributed over $70,000.00 to the tills of night clubs in the last year.

In the issue of August 12, 1941, of the "LOOK" Magazine appeared an article on HILL entitled "The last of the night club players - - when VIRGINIA HILL foots the bill, boom-time days stage a comeback." This article featured HILL'S spending of large sums of money as in pre-war days for clothes, a $300.00 a day telephone bill, ermines, and the recent purchase of a big piece of Broadway's Hurricane Night Club. Among other pictures was one of HILL dancing with the Cuban singer, MIGUELITO VALDEZ. In that connection,

there is attached a photograph of three individuals, one at the left being MIGUELITO VALDEZ. With reference to this individual, Special Service contact, HARRY CROCKER, Assistant to Publisher of the Los Angeles Examiner, who made the material previously mentioned available, and who has been of considerable assistance in this inquiry, advised on June 22, 1942, that he had just been talking with ALLAN GORDON, who is handling publicity for HILL. GORDON told CROCKER that he had recently been in the home of MIGUELITO VALDEZ and observed a huge stack of bills (currency) wrapped up in newspapers. GORDON explained that VALDEZ makes considerable money from his recordings.

Continuing with the article in the "Look" Magazine mentioned, it stated that CARLOS VALDEZ, husband number three, had been the cause of her purchasing the Hurricane Night Club. The article also mentioned that her confidential secretary was one MARION HARVEY, and that she had a colored maid named ETHEL. HARVEY was a dancer in Miami's Royal Palm Night Club.

In the files of Contact CROCKER was a Memorandum dated August 25, 1941, to one R. T. VAN ETTISCH from one ROBERT M. BLOUNT. These are men in offices of the Examiner. It referred to the "LOOK" article the fact that VIRGINIA HILL had been living at the Beverly Hills Hotel in a $650.00 a month cottage; that the night before she and a "mysterious guy," JUAN ROMERO, took over the Mocambo Night Club; that all the top-flight Jewish people accepted invitations, and continued "Now here's the funny part of it. The heiress for the past week has been taking lessons in how to talk and behave in society from a well-known dramatic coach. This gal says that if VIRGINIA is an heiress, she is the Queen of England; VIRGINIA cannot even talk good English.

"Actually, according to the inside story, VIRGINIA was a gangster's moll in Cicero. She is now connected with one EPSTEIN of New York, who is supposed to be MR. BIG in some kind of a horse racket and is handling interests for AL CAPONE. Associated with the gal at this end is JAKE FACTOR and a mysterious guy known as the Major. JOHNNY CARROLL of the movies is in on the deal somewhere. From a prominent Hollywood actress, who uses the same hair-dresser as VIRGINIA, I learned she made five trips to Mexico recently, each time her hair dyed a different color, her eyebrows changed, and using a different name. The rumor is that VIRGINIA is a go-between for a gang bringing in Jewish refugees." This memorandum concluded that maybe HILL was running Mexicans or Chinese, but "there is a racket of some kind centering about this lady, that might be a story."

The local offices of the "Examiner" requested one W. J. GOOD of Atlanta, Georgia, to make inquiry with reference to subject, and in a wire dated August 25, 1941, to J. H. RICHARDSON, City Editor of the Examiner, this city, GOOD replied that he had located MRS. MARGARET HILL, Mother of VIRGINIA HILL, at home in Marietta, Georgia; that MRS. HILL said VIRGINIA was born in Bessemer, Alabama, twenty-three years ago; that she married GEORGE ROGERS, a wealthy Alabamian, when she was fourteen, but the marriage was annulled and the money obtained from him formed the foundation of her later wealth. HILL was supposed to have stated on a recent visit home that her wealth came from wise investments, stating "friends in the know" in New York and Chicago advised her concerning business deals. Her second husband, OSSIE GRIFFIN, was also from Bessemer, Alabama. VIRGINIA told her Mother that the next husband, one GONZALES, whom she married in January, 1940, and separated from in June of that year, had paid $900.00 for dramatic training received by Subject.

GOOD'S telegram continued that the subject's father is one MACK W. HILL, an Alabama cattle dealer. Her parents have been separated for six years, and the whereabouts of her Father is unknown. Two brothers, BILLY and CHARLIE, live in a home reportedly purchased by VIRGINIA.

Similar inquiry was made of the Chicago Herald American, and in a wire dated November 5, 1941, to the local Examiner, the following was set forth:

Major A. RIDDLE is head of several national freight and trucking lines. Major is not a title but his first name. He originally was from Indianapolis, where he has a home, wife, and two children. He also has a Chicago apartment and spends part of his time there. He was estranged from his wife for a while, but they are now back together. During the estrangement, he saw VIRGINIA HILL frequently, and they were together often in public. RIDDLE told his friends privately that he never gave VIRGINIA one penny. At one time he offered her money, and she scorned it, saying she was very hurt that "that was what he thought of her." The affair broke off about the time JOHNNY CARROLL came to Chicago. He had rented her a home in Beverly Hills years ago, and they became fast friends.

The Chicago wire continued that in the Eastern papers, HILL was known as the "Georgian Heiress." It spoke of her purchasing a night club in Chicago, and WALTER WINCHELL stating that she was throwing money into a bottomless well; that she was also known in Miami, Florida; and concluded by stating that definitely RIDDLE was not supplying her with

money, and it may be dangerous to connect him with her because he is married and the head of a business of proportions in which he enjoys a good reputation.

A wire from New York to Los Angeles Office of the Examiner, dated January 18, 1941, stated that HILL was known as the "GEORGIAN OIL HEIRESS" and that her third divorce was from one CARLOS GONZALES, a rhumba dancer, which occurred in December of 1940, on her allegation that "she had found him in bed with a blonde."

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF VIRGINIA HILL

As previously stated, HILL is living at the Falcon-Lair with JUAN ROMERO and MIGUELITO VALDEZ. Special Service Contact CROCKER has, under the representation that he is assembling material for an article in the National Weekly, which appears with the Hearst papers, attended several cocktail parties given at Falcon-Lair, and has been in touch with ALLAN GORDON, her publicity man.

On June 21, 1942, CROCKER attended a party at the abode of subject, which was attended by numerous Consular officials from various South American countries. CROCKER learned that she had been in Mexico City with JUAN ROMERO, and in questioning HILL, learned that she mixed only with third-rate Mexican society.

In the June 22, 1942 issue of the Los Angeles Daily News, page 13, which is attached, appeared a picture of Subject presenting the Jewish Auxiliary, headed by MRS. IDA MAYER CUMMINGS, a check for $1000.00 to be used to furnish a room in the MARY PICKFORD bungalow. On June 29, 1942 CROCKER advised the check issued by COLLEEN WHITNEY, a friend of HILL, was drawn on the Security First National Bank, Beverly Hills, California.

On June 18, 1942, a cocktail party was also given at Falcon-Lair by JUAN ROMERO, who, it is understood, is an interior decorator, about forty years of age, who married one ANTOINETTE MURPHY last November, and they are separated at the present time. This party was attended by Judge JOE MARCHETTI, TONY MORENO, RAMON NAVARRO, and several others. VIRGINIA HILL did not appear at all during this party.

HILL attended the opening of the Trocadero Night Club June 18, 1942, with JOHNNY CARROLL, the actor previously mentioned. A photograph of CARROLL appearing in Mexican costume is attached hereto. It is understood that she has in the past year or so seen a good deal of CARROLL, but that the romance is presently waning. Previously she had gone constantly with one J. STEPHEN CRANE.

CROCKER advised that HELEN BORAY (phonetic), a hairdresser at Westmores, was the one who did subject's hair; that ETTA EDSON is the Hollywood dramatic coach who worked with HILL, and that Madame SONYA, who operates a bar near MGM Studios, is familiar with VIRGINIA HILL'S past.

On June 25, 1942, CROCKER advised that very recently HILL had attended a party at the Mocambo Night Club, and from CHARLIE MORRISON, who owns and operates the Mocambo, it was learned that HILL usually pays for her bills by check and that same are drawn on a Chicago Bank. MORRISON told CROCKER that the stories about HILL are to the effect that she operates brothels near Army Camps on the West Coast. CROCKER is positive from his sources of information that JUAN ROMERO is not in a position to give VIRGINIA HILL as much money as she is spending. MORRISON is to advise CROCKER if he ascertains what bank she is issuing checks on.

Based on the information set forth above that HILL had resided at the Beverly Hills Hotel, on June 24, 1942, Agent made appropriate inquiry at the Hotel, and from an examination of the checks cashed, the following data was obtained:

Subject, under the name of VIRGINIA D'ALGY, registering from 1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia, arrived at the Beverly Hills Hotel, on April 15, 1941, and left May 5, 1941, at which time she had a suite of rooms for which she paid $325.00 a month. During that period, reservations for which were made by JUAN ROMERO, she, on April 30, 1941, issued a check to one LOTA MADDOX on the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, in the amount of $25.00. Thereafter, practically daily, using the name of VIRGINIA D'ALGY, and drawn on the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, she issued a stream of checks, ranging anywhere from $20.00 to $100.00, the last one issued April 17, 1941. Subsequently herein will appear examination of the Bank records made by Special Agent E. P. HAIR.

During the second period of the subject's stay at the Beverly Hills Hotel, from August 19, 1941, to October 4, 1941, at which time she was in Bungalow No. 21, for which she paid $450.00 a month, it was observed that on October 1, 1941, by Postal Telegram clearing through the Irving Trust Company of New York City, she received $200.00. On September 25, 1941, she received a Western Union Money Order, No. K-751081, in the amount of $700.00. The bank was identified as being No. 11-1. On September 13, 1941, JUAN ROMERO issued a check on the Security-First National Bank of Beverly Hills to VIRGINIA HILL in the amount of $300.00. On September 11, 1941, a Western Union Money Order was indorsed by VIRGINIA HILL, same being No. K-742533, in the amount of $200.00. From September 10, 1941, back to August 6, 1941,

JUAN ROMERO issued eleven checks to HILL in sums ranging from $25.00 to $525.00, all on the Security-First National Bank of Beverly Hills. Agent's notations covering this phase of the inquiry are being attached hereto.

From August 20, 1941, to August 29, 1941, a list of toll calls made by the subject was compiled, same amounting to some one hundred telephone calls. These were not checked, but are being attached hereto.

The following is a description of VIRGINIA HILL, as furnished by those contacted:

Age	24
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 pounds
Hair	Brown, worn long and fluffy
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Appearance	Buxom; wears daring clothes
Reputation	Bad; is promiscuous
Habits	Smokes and drinks considerably. Sleeps all day; out all night.

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Special Agent E. P. HAIR examined the banking transactions under the name of VIRGINIA D'ALGY at the Beverly Hills Main Office of the Bank of America. It was found that she opened a checking account on April 14, 1941, giving the address No. 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Her opening deposit was cash in the amount of $3,000.00. Subsequent deposits made in this account were as follows:

April 25, 1941	$ 1,000.00
April 28, 1941	400.00
April 30, 1941	1,000.00

The deposit ticket for the deposit of April 25, 1941, indicates that there were two checks of $500.00 each, drawn on 2-85, which is the Merchandise National Bank of Chicago, Illinois. The April 28, 1941, deposit was likewise drawn on the Merchandise National Bank of Chicago. The April 30, 1941, deposit of $1,000.00 was an item drawn on 16-4, which was the Seventh and Spring Branch of the Security-First National Bank of

Los Angeles. (This branch has now been consolidated with the Security office of that bank and is located at Fifth and Spring Streets, Los Angeles).

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Through the assistance of Confidential [redacted] the out-of-town items deposited by D'ALGY were looked up on the Recordak Film. The $500.00 items on the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, were cashier's checks numbers C 17485-6, issued on April 24,1941. The $400.00 item on the same bank was Cashier's Check No. C 17623, issued on April 25, 1941. Right next to this item on the film there appeared another $400.00 Cashier's Check, issued on the same Bank, which, apparently by mistake, had the same number. It was not a duplication in the filming, since the writing and the rubber stamp impressions on the face of the two checks were different. All of these cashier's checks were made payable to V. D'ALGY. It will be necessary to have the Chicago Division make inquiry at the Merchandise National Bank in order to ascertain the origin of this money.

The money deposited by VIRGINIA D'ALGY in her checking account was withdrawn rather quickly. The canceled checks are not on hand at this time, but the ledger sheets for her account reflect the following large disbursements:

April 18, 1941	$ 1,500.00
April 28, 1941	700.00
May 1, 1941	300.00
May 2, 1941	325.12
May 3, 1941	464.04

As of May 27, 1941, the balance in her account was $332.61, and there have been no transactions since that date. At the present time, the Bank is carrying this account in a dormant ledger. When the account was opened, VIRGINIA D'ALGY gave as a bank reference the Bank of Merietta, Georgia.

In response to a routine inquiry from the Bank of America, the Bank of Marietta stated that they had cashed drafts and Western Union checks for D'ALGY.

A joint checking account in the name of JUAN or ANTOINETTE ROMERO No. 2 Bella Drive, was opened in the Beverly Hills Main Office of the Bank of America on October 25, 1941. His signature card reflects that his occupation is decorator; that he was born in Pennsylvania, and his wife was

born in Missouri. There was a notation that he is known to Trust Officer E. M. KENNEDY at the Los Angeles Main Office of the Bank. The account was opened with a check of $1,000.00, drawn on 4-22, which is the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri. The following additional deposits were made:

November 5, 1941	$ 300.00
December 16, 1941	150.00
January 2, 1942	2000.00

The deposit of $300.00 on November 5, 1941, was a check for $1,000.00, drawn on 16-3, which is the head office of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, with $700.00 in cash taken out at the time of the deposit. The item of $2,000.00, deposited on January 2, 1942, was a check drawn on the head office of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. Confidential [redacted] is making an effort to ascertain the source of the funds drawn on the Security-First National Bank. The deposit of $150.00 on December 16, 1941, was a cash deposit. b7D

Through the assistance of Confidential [redacted] the item of $1,000.00, drawn on the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, was looked up on the Recordak Film, and it was ascertained that it was check No. 403, issued on October 23, 1941, by JACK E. THOMAS, Agent, 804 Paul Brown Building, payable to ANTOINETTE ROMERO. It is possible that the room number in the Paul Brown Building was something other than 804, as the film was not very distinct.

The account of JUAN or ANTOINETTE ROMERO in the Bank of America was closed on January 26, 1942. The canceled checks are not on hand at this time, but it was noted from the ledger sheets that the disbursements were frequent, but the individual items were not in large amounts.

Agent HAIR interviewed Trust Officer E. M. KENNEDY at the Main Office of the Bank of America, who advised that he first met ROMERO in 1936, when the latter made negotiations for the purchase of the RUDOLPH VALENTINO home, called Falcon-Lair, from the Trust Department of the Bank of America. He stated that Falcon-Lair was sold to ROMERO for $18,000.00, and that a lot of money in addition thereto was spent in fixing the place up and furnishing it. He advised that ROMERO was an interior decorator, and had become quite well-known to MRS. BLANCHE M. SEWELL of Beverly Hills, who received considerable notoriety a few years ago in connection with a wife swapping case. He advised that it was his recollection that MRS. SEWELL had probably put up most of the money and had a lien of $16,200.00 on the property.

MR. KENNEDY had no information as to the current activities of ROMERO, but recalls that at the time the latter opened a checking account in the Beverly Hills Office of the bank, he had telephoned KENNEDY and told him he intended to do so and had mentioned that he had become married and he merely asked MR. KENNEDY to advise the Beverly Hills Office that he knew ROMERO. The file in connection with the VALENTINO estate is now in storage, but MR. KENNEDY will have it brought to his office if it is needed for any purpose.

Confidential [redacted] advised Agent HAIR that he has found nothing in the checking account of JUAN ROMERO at the Beverly Hills Office of the Security-First National Bank to indicate any connection with VIRGINIA HILL or VIRGINIA D'ALGY. He advised that deposits made by ROMERO had included a check of $100.00 on June 9, 1942, which was drawn on the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois. b7D

On June 25, 1942, ROMERO deposited $200.00 and received $100.00 in cash, upon presentation of a Postal Telegram Money Order in the amount of $300.00, drawn on the Irving Trust Company, New York City. He further advised that on June 26, 1942, ROMERO deposited Cashier's check No. C-63403 in the amount of $2200.00, which was issued by the Merchandise National Bank of Chicago on June 23, 1942, and made payable to JUAN ROMERO.

ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON

ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON resides at 4258 Shady Glade Avenue, North Hollywood, California, telephone SU 12936. This telephone is in his wife's name. She is SARA BERNER. Contrary to reports, she never was under contract to Universal and not on the FIBBER McGEE show. She has, however, been on the AL PIERCE SHOW. He has resided at the above address since February 6, 1942; formerly at the Hollywood Plaza and 1310 North Hermosa.

SOLOMON is not an Agent but rather a Publicity Free Lancer, telephone HI 0181. Formerly he was connected with the Democratic National Committee, 608 South Hill Street; reportedly a disbarred attorney from New York State. He is described as one given to neighing laughs or nervous chuckles; has an evasive manner and always is working an "angle" of some kind.

Subject SOLOMON has press agented several night clubs -- the defunct La Conga and Vendome being two of them; has dabbled on the side with publicity jobs for individuals; has been in the movie fan magazine editing field; has gone back to New York every once in a while -- possibly to dodge bills, one informant said.

In September, 1941, SOLOMON told the Informant that he was press agenting VIRGINIA HILL, for which services he was being paid $100.00 a week. He was secretive about her origin, her source of income, which he explained as "coming from the East." Later he stated that "two men gave her so much (sum not designated) each week." SOLOMON'S press agenting seemed to consist of inviting people to soirees she tossed, getting her an occasional mention in the columns. She fancied herself another JEAN HARLOW (with black hair). SOLOMON indicated she was hot for a career on that angle, as well as being simply hot in her own right. It is believed SOLOMON knew HILL in New York.

SOLOMON is described as:

Age	45
Weight	150
Height	5'4"
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black

Cigar in mouth; and such a liar no one will believe him.

JOE BART, Managing "Pirates Den" and ARTHUR UNGAR are two suggested who probably know him well.

As previously stated, obviously SOLOMON has little or nothing to do with HILL at the present time, she apparently having outgrown his mediocre publicity ability and is being handled by ALLAN GORDON in connection with his efforts to publicize MIGUELITO VALDEZ, who pays him for his services.

GORDON told CROCKER that he receives no money from VIRGINIA HILL.

H. FRANK ANGELL,
Special Agent

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BELLE OF THE BISTROS - Virginia Hill, the fabulous spender whose parties for hundreds of guests have set all Hollywood agog, will debut in the movies. The 24-year-old miss has agreed with Samuel Goldwyn to appear in "Ball of Fire" with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, playing the role she has made famous in real life -- a big time spender and party girl. It will be her first appearance in films.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias,
Virginia D'Algy;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

In pursuance of your authorization, I telephonically communicated with Agent J. P. Gleason of the New York Division in the absence of Assistant SAC Drayton; Acting SAC Hosteny of the Chicago Division; Acting SAC Means of the Atlanta Division, and SAC Guinane of the Birmingham Division, requesting that the investigation herein be completed immediately; that a teletype summary of the results of investigation to date be transmitted to the Bureau this evening, which teletype should indicate the present status of the investigation herein and when a report might be expected; that immediately upon completion of the investigation a report should be forwarded to the Bureau Air Mail Special Delivery, for your attention.

Agent Hosteny of the Chicago Division states that it is his impression the investigation herein is approximately completed and Mr. Means of the Atlanta Division indicated it is his impression the investigation herein has been completed. However, the above men will ascertain definitely the status of the investigation and inform the Bureau by teletype.

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Respectfully,

C. P. BREESE

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To; COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S - LOS ANGELES, PITTSBURGH, MIAMI, CLEVELAND, LOUISVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS

VIRGINIA HILL WA ARTHUR SCOTT SO CLOSE INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION SUBJECT TELETYPE SUMMARY AND ADVISE APPROXIMATE DATE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: VIRGINIA HILL alias
VIRGINIA D'ALGY.

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You will recall that Columnist Mark Hellinger submitted information to the Los Angeles Field Office that Virginia Hill, prominent in Cafe Society circles in Los Angeles, had passed a large check at Ciro's night club in Los Angeles, which check, according to Barry Wilkerson, manager of Ciro's, was from the Attorney General; that Hill apparently had unlimited funds and entertained in a most lavish fashion.

Information submitted by the Los Angeles Office indicates Virginia Hill resides in the Falcon-Lair, 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, with Juan Romero, a dancer and Miguelito Valdes (Valdez), a Cuban singer presently with Xavier Cugat's orchestra. The Falcon-Lair was originally built by Rudolph Valentino and purchased by Romero in 1936.

In connection with Virginia Hill, it may be noted that her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hill, at one time advised a representative of the Los Angeles Examiner that Virginia was born in Bessemer, Alabama, approximately twenty-three years ago; that the whereabouts of Virginia's father, Mack W. Hill, a cattle dealer, is unknown; that Virginia married George Rogers, a wealthy Alabamian, when fourteen years of age; that the marriage was annulled and that the money received in a property settlement created the foundation of Virginia Hill's present wealth. Mrs. Hill further indicated her daughter, Virginia, subsequently married Ossie Griffin, a former football star at Alabama University, which marriage was also annulled, and that Virginia later married Carlos Gonzales. She was divorced from Gonzales in December, 1940.

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In the November 5, and December 22, 1941, issues of the Los Angeles Examiner, Virginia Hill was referred to as the "Feminine Diamond Jim Brady" the "Rex St. Cyr" and the "Belle of the Bistros",

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in view of the fabulous and expensive parties which she gave. The November 5, 1941, issue of the Los Angeles Examiner, above-mentioned, indicated she gave a $7,500 champagne party at the Mocambo Restaurant, Los Angeles, and according to her cancelled check stubs spent over $70,000 in various night clubs during the past year.

In the August 12, 1941, issue of "Look" Magazine there appeared an article describing Hill's large expenditures for clothes, parties, etc., and the recent purchase of an interest in Broadway's Hurricane Night Club.

Special Service Contact Harry Crocker, Assistant to the Publisher of the Los Angeles Examiner, advised that during 1941 Hill resided at the Beverly Hills Hotel during which time she paid a monthly rent of $650; that Hill at one time was a "gangster's moll" in Cicero, Illinois, and had associated with Johnny Carroll, an actor, and one Epstein, who was tied up in some kind of a horse racket and handled interests for Al Capone. Crocker further advised he received information that Hill made five trips to Mexico some time prior to August 25, 1941; that on each trip she had her hair dyed a different color and used a different name; that there is a rumor to the effect that Hill is a go-between for a gang engaged in bringing Jewish refugees into the United States.

An investigation conducted by the Bureau regarding Hill's financial accounts indicates she has an account at the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, California, wherein she deposited $3,000 on April 14, 1941, under the name of Virginia D'Algy; that during August, 1941, she made various deposits by check. The identity of the makers of these checks is presently being determined and there is presently being made an effort to ascertain the location of other accounts which she may have and the source of her present income.

This information will be promptly transmitted to you when it is received by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Director
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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
Virginia D'Algy;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone call from Mr. ROSEN to Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. W. VINCENT on August 3, 1942, with reference to instant investigation and requesting that same be handled promptly. Mr. ROSEN stated that he desired that the background of this girl be developed fully, that it be ascertained where she obtained her funds, and suggested that leads be set out for the Atlanta and Birmingham Offices.

For the Bureau's information, under date of July 11, 1942, letters were directed to the Chicago and New York Offices setting forth pertinent background with reference to VIRGINIA HILL and requesting that those divisions, with the utmost discretion, endeavor to develop background information with reference to HILL and the source of her income. To date, results of that investigation have not been made known to this office.

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A separate letter is this date being furnished the Birmingham and Atlanta Offices requesting that they conduct appropriate investigation with reference to Subject HILL.

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Special Service Contact HARRY CROCKER of the Los Angeles Examiner advised Agent H. FRANK ANGELL on August 10, 1942 that HILL is not presently on the West Coast. CROCKER approached ALAN GORDON, publicity agent for MIGULITO VALDEZ on the pretext that he wanted to get in touch with HILL in order that she could be contacted by him to contribute to the Marion Davies War Fund. GORDON told him that MIGULITO VALDEZ is presently in New York City and that he believed that VIRGINIA HILL was probably with him.

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Further, that VALDEZ suffered injuries from an automobile accident approximately six weeks ago but is now fully recovered and is going to organize an orchestra of his own which will open at the Mocombo Restaurant, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, this Fall. GORDON said too that VALDEZ and XAVIER CUGAT, in whose band VALDEZ was once working, have severed all connections and that CUGAT is threatening to sue VALDEZ.

CROCKER advised that he had heard somewhere recently that it was possible that HILL was in Mexico City, but that he could not verify this. LLOYD PANTAGES, son of prominent theatre people in Los Angeles, is due back from Mexico City within the next few days at which time CROCKER will discreetly ascertain whether HILL was in Mexico City and if so, what she was doing.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments in this matter and it is requested again that the Chicago and New York Offices expedite the investigation previously requested of them.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, w.a.

I called ASAC Vincent in Los Angeles and asked him the status of the investigation of the above captioned subject. He advised he was not familiar with the circumstances relative to this particular case whereupon I referred him to the Bureau's letter of July 20 wherein the Los Angeles office is requested to investigate the financial status of the subject and to simultaneously determine the character of her immediate and past associates. I further advised him that Agents H.F. Angell and E.P. Hair of the Los Angeles office are familiar with the background of this case.

Mr. Vincent was further advised that the subject's activities were of a suspicious nature and that a check passing incident has initiated the desire for an investigation. This was augmented by the alleged participation of the subject in activities involving the smuggling in of refugees and the fact she is supposedly a close associate of a Chicago gangster. It was indicated to Mr. Vincent that leads would have to be set out in Chicago, Georgia and Alabama where the subject has been active in the past.

Mr. Vincent advised that the desired investigation would be soon under way and the Bureau promptly advised of its progress.

Respectfully,

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WHALE. VIRGINIA HILL, WAS, VIRGINIA DALGY, VIRGINIA HILLBURN, VIRGINIA WATSON, VIRGINIA EPSTEIN, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. NO ACCOUNTS AT MERCHANSIDE NATIONAL BANK, CHICAGO, FOR VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA DALGY, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, JUAN ROMERO, OR SARA BERNER. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO SOLOMON. TWENTY SIX CASHIERS CHECKS IN TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS PURCHASED BY JOSEPH EPSTEIN AT MERCHANDISE NATIONAL BANK FOR CASH DURING MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND FORWARDED TO HILL AND ROMERO. TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDES FOUR CHECKS MENTIONED IN LOS ANGELES LETTER OF JULY ELEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO WHICH WERE ISSUED APRIL TWENTY FOUR AND TWENTY FIVE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE. OTHER ENDORSERS OF CHECKS WERE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL, SCHWABS PHARMACY, BOTH IN CALIFORNIA, STG. FR. CO., ILLEGIBLE, H

. M. POWELL AND LILLIAN BURGESS, ALL IN ATLANTA GA. MIGUELITO VALDEZ AND HOTEL BUCKINGHAM, BOTH IN NEW YORK CITY. THE CHECKS HANDLED THROUGH BEVERLY HILLS BRANCH, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELESE, CALIF. LAUREL SUNSET BRANCH, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATLANTA, ATLANTA, GA. CHEMICAL BANK AND TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, N. Y. EPSTEIN DID NOT INCLUDE HIS ADDRESS ON REQUISITIONS FOR CASHIERS CHECKS. EPSTEIN IS A BOOKIE FOR STERN AND HORWICK, CHICAGO, ILL. MAJOR A. RIDDLE BEGAN FINANCING MONARK MOTOR FREIGHT SYSTEM, INC., CHICAGO, IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE OR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY. RIDDLE NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH THIS CONCERN. PURCHASED BY A MR. RISS OF RISS AND COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL. RIDDLES AGE NOW THIRTY FIVE. IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN OF DECEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE, HILL DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY FOUR, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FOUR, HAIR BORXX BROWN, SAME ARTICLE STATES HILL FORMERLY MARRIED GEORGE BROWN OF ALABAMA, WHICH WAS ANNULLED AND BROUGHT HER FORTUNE. SECOND HUSBAND WAS OSSIE

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GRIFFITH, ALABAMA GRID STAR, AND THIRD CARLOS VALDEZ, DANCER. NATE GROSS COLUMN OF CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN OF JULY TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE STATED HILL ORIGINALLY FROM MARIETTA, GEORGIA, AND THAT SHE WAS PLAYING AROUND WITH JOHN CARROLL, MOVIE STAR. HILL RENTED CARROLLS HOME IN BEVERLY HILLS ABOUT FIVE YEARS BEFORE THAT DATE. GROSS ALSO STATED HILL WAS BACKING QUOTE THE HURRICANE UNQUOTE NIGHT CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY. COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF HILL AND RIDDLE COMING OUT OF A THEATER MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE SECURED. MAJOR A. RIDDLE IS RIDDLES FULL NAME, MAJOR IS HIS ~~FUXX~~ FIRST NAME, AND NOT A MILITARY TITLE. RIDDLE KNOWN AT SHERMAN HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL. AS MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY IN THE TRUCKING GAME. BIG SPENDER. GOOD FRIEND OF RIDDLE IS JOHN GOTTLIEB, COLONEL IN TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF THE ARMY, AND IS LOCATED AT WASHINGTON, DC. GOTTLIEB IS OWNER AND OPERATOR OF PIONEER TRUCKING CO., CHICAGO, ILL. RIDDLES FINANCES HANDLED THROUGH FIDELITY TRUST CO. MARION COUNTY STATE ~~BANDSXXX~~ BANK AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, ALL AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. HILL REGISTERED AT SHERMAN HOTEL, CHICAGO, UNDER NAMES VIRGINIA HILL, MARIETTA, GA., AND ~~VIRGINAXX~~ VIRGINIA HILLBURN, CHICAGO, ILL. MARCH FIVE ~~DEXX~~ DASH SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE AND UNDER NAME OF VIRGINIA WATSON, CHICAGO, ILL. FROM MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE TO APRIL NINE, NINETEEN FORTY ONE. THE BILLS FOR ALL THREE NAMES CHARGED TO ACCOUNT OF RIDDLE WHO WAS REGISTERED AT SAME TIME. HILL REGISTERED AT SENECA HOTEL, CHICAGO, JANUARY THREE TO APRIL TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, SHOWING HOME ADDRESS AS ONE THOUSAND CHURCH ST., MARIETTA, GA. MAN NAMED EPSTEIN, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, CAME TO SEE HER EVERY DAY WHILE AT SENECA HOTEL AND SAME MAN MADE HER RESERVATIONS. HILL RECEIVED MONEY ORDERS EACH WEEK FROM MARIETTA, GA., RANGING FROM ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS, WHILE AT SENECA. RAN AROUND IN CAFE SOCIETY AND SPENT PLENTY. HILLS TWO BROTHERS WITH HER AT SENECA. ONE ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OTHER EIGHTEEN. OLDER ONE CALLED QUOTE CHUCK UNQUOTE. NO ONE AT SENECA EVER SAW HILL WITH RIDDLE. LIST OF LONG DISTANCE AND LOCAL TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY HILL AT THE SENECA OBTAINED AND ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. APPLICATION OF RIDDLE

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HELD BY BAIRD AND WARNER, REALTORS, CHICAGO, SHOWS THA RIDDLE WAS IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND. FROM APRIL NINETEEN THIRTY NINE UNTIL APRIL ONE, NINETEEN FORTY ONE, WHEN HE TOOK PENTHOUSE APARTMENT IN CHIAGO, THAT HE WAS PRESEIDENT OF GLOBE TRUCKING CO., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. , THAT HE WAS PRESIDENT OF MONARK MOTOR FREIGHT SYSTEM, CHICAGO, ILL. AND THT HE WAS OPERATING THE QUOTE PLANTATION CLUB UNQUOTE, A NIGHT CLUB AT MOLINE, ILL. A MR. RISS AND ~~XX~~ MR. CONNOR FIRST NAMES UNKNOWN, STAYED WITH RIDDLE IN PENTHOUSE. INFORMANT STATES HILL SPENT MANY NIGHTS IN PENTHOUSE WITH RIDDLE. RIDDLE LEFT CHICAGO NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER NINETEEN FORTY ONE, TO ATTEND TO INTEREST IN NORTH WOODS. RETURNED FOR SHORT TIME ONE DAY AND HASNT BEEN SEE AT APARTMENT SINCE. INFORMANT ALSO STATED RIDDLE A GREAT HORSE RACE MAN AN BELIEVES OWNS HORSES. JOSEPH EPSTEIN HAS LIVED AT ST. CLAIR HOTEL, CHICAGO, FOR PAST YEAR. EPSTEIN CALLS HILL ABOUT THREE TIMES PER MONTH IN CALIFORNIA OR MARIETTA, GA. MAIL FOR HILL COMES TO ST. CLAIR AND IS PUTIN EPSTEINS BOX. MANAGER REQUESTED TO MONITOR LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HILL AND EPSTEINS LONG DISTANCE CALLS TO HILL. THIS IS SAME EPSTEIN WHO PURCHASES CASHIERS CHECKS. EPSTEIN WENT TO NEW YORK CITY OFTEN, THEE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO, BUT NO T LATELY. HILLS TRUNK DELIVERED TO EPSTEINS ROOM MAY FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND FORWARDED TO HILL AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. BY EPSTEIN. VALUED AT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. HILL HAS BEEN SEEN IN EPSTEINS ROOM BUT NOT WHILE HE WAS THERE. RIDDLE HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN WITH HILL AT THE ST CLAIR. DISCREET SEARCH OF EPSTEINS ROOM REVEALED KITCHEN FULL OF RACING FORMS WITH LETTERHEAD FOR STERN AND HORWICK, ~~PRESXX~~ PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. BANK STATEMENTS FOR THIS CONCERN ALSO IN ROOM. SEVERAL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO VIRGINIA HILL FOUND, BUT NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE IN THEM. ONE EMPTY ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO HILL AT THE REFORMA HOTEL, MEXICO, D. F. NO RECORD AT CREDIT BUREAU ON ANY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. TELETYPE SENT TO LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO INTERVIEW NATE GROSS. TELETYPE SENT TO NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE AGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO GIVING THEM INFORMATION ON QUOTE THE HURRICANE UNQUOTE. THE CLEVELAND FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN LISTING ON TELEPHONE NUMBER CALLED BY HILL AND THAT PERSONS CONNECTED WITH HILL. PITTSBURGH FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF C. WALLEY WHO WAS CALLED LONG DISTANCE BY A MR. PRIGNANA FROM HILLS ROOM, AND HIS CONNECTION

Appears Epstein owns Stern + Horwick hotel

WITH HILL. THE LOUISVILLE FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN LISTING ON TELEPHONE NUMBER CALLED BY HILL AND CONNECTION OF THAT PERSON WITH HILL. THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN BACKGROUND OF SAM WERNGIR, WHO WAS CALLED BY EPSTEIN FROM HILLS ROOM AND HIS CONNECTION WITH HILL. INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION REQUESTED TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRY CONCERNING PRESENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HILL AND RIDDLE. THE CHICAGO OFFICE WILL CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HILL AND RIDDLE, AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER MONEY SENT TO HILL FROM CHICAGO. CHICAGO WILL ALSO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA ON JOSEPH EPSTEIN AND HIS CONNECTION WITH HILL. ALL OF FOREGOIN INCLUDED IN AMSD LETTER BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN FORTY TWO. THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL DATA SECURED SINCE LETTER DICTATED. IN CHICAGO POLICE FILE IS A LETTER FROM CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, LOS ANGELES, TO CHICAGO REQUESTING CRIMINAL RECORD OF ONE VIRGINIA HILL, ALIAS VIRGINIA EPSTEIN. LETTER DATED FEBRUARY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. HILL DESCRIBED AS TWENTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR. HILL WAS UNDER SUSPICION IN LOS ~~AGNXX~~ ANGELES. ALSO A POLICE FILE OF JULY NINE, NINETEEN FORTY ONE CONCERNING ROBBING OF HILL AND RIDDLE IN HIS PENTHOUSE, WHERE THEY WERE IN BED TOGETHER. CASE STILL UNSOLVED. EPSTEINS SELECTIVE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE BOARD NUMBER ONE FORTY TWO, CHICAGO, SHOWS THAT HE IS FORTY YEARS OF AGE AND BORN IN MINSK, RUSSIA, DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE. SHOWS HIM AS AN ACCOUNTANT WITH STERN AND HORWICK FOR PAST TEN YEARS AND NOW MAKING SALARY OF EIGH THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR. A TRACING OF HIS SIGNATURE OBTAINED THEREFROM. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT AT WHICH TIME INVESTIGATION IN THIS DISTRICT WILL BE COMPLETED,.

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WHALE. VIRGINIA HILL ALIAS VIRGINIA D"ALGY. ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON. INFORMATION CONCERNING. MRS. J. H. HOOD SISTER OF HILL WAS INTERVIEWED UNDER PRETEXT AT BESSEMER, ALABAMA AND SHE ADVISED THAT HER SISTER NEVER ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AND THAT SHE LEFT BESSEMER AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN AND HAS RETURNED PERIODICALLY SINCE THAT TIME, HER LAST VISIT BEING APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO, MARRIED GEORGE BROWN IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE AND ATTENDED THE WORLDS FAIR IN CHICAGO. SHE LEFT BROWN IN ABOUT A WEEK AND STARTED DANCING AT DIFFERENT NIGHT CLUBS AT THE WORLDS FAIR. ATTENDED PLAZA DANCING SCHOOL IN CHICAGO AND THEN TAUGHT THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. MET JOSEPH EPSTEINE, WEALTHY CHICAGO RACETRACK BOOKMAKER WHILE DANCING AT CHEZ PAREE AND ACCORDING TO HER SISTER MARRIED HIM. SHE STATED THAT WHILE IN CHICAO THEY LIVED AT THE STEVENS HOTEL AND TRAVELLED THROUGH EVERY STATE IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER ABOUT A YEAR OF THIS HILL DIVORCED EPSTEINE AND RETURNED TO BESSEMER TO MARRY OSSIE GRIFFIN. THEY RETURNED TO CHICAGO AND DUE TO GRIFFINS EXCESSIVE DRINKING SHE LEFT HIM AND WENT TO HOLLYWOOD TO BECOME A NIGHT CLUB DANCER. SISTER FURTHER STATED THAT DURING THE TIME SHE WAS MARRIED TO GRIFFIN EPSTEINE KEPT HER WELL SUPPLIED WITH CLOTHES AND MONEY. SHE MARRIED CARLOS VALDEZ A MEXICAN DANCER IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE AND OPENED A NIGHT CLUB FOR HIM. SISTER STATED THAT EPSTEINE PAID FOR THIS NIGHT CLUB ALSO STATED SHE MAKES FREQUENT TRIPS TO CHICAGO TO SEE EPSTEINE AND THAT LAST CHRISTMAS HE GAVE HER SEVEN FUR COATS. MACK HILL, FATHER, LIVES WITH MRS. HOOD AND IS A HORSE-TRADER AROUND THAT VICINITY. MRS. HOOD RECEIVED A CARD A SHORT TIME AGO FROM JOE EPSTEINE FROM THE MEDINAH ATHLETIC CLUB IN CHICAGO. MISS GLADYS GRACE BEAUTY OPERATOR BIRMINGHAM STATED THAT HILL HAD TOLD HER THAT THE WEALTHY FRIEND IN CHICAGO WAS A PERSON AT THE HEAD OF THE POLICY RACKET IN THE UNITED STATES. PENDING.

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ATTENTION MR ROSEN
WHALE O O O
VIRGINIA HILL WAS VIRGINIA DALGY ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF JULY ELEVEN, FORTYTWO, EFFORT WAS MADE TO ASCERTAIN SOURCE OF MONEY RECEIVED BY HILL ON OCTOBER FIRST, FORTY ONE BY POSTAL TELEGRAPH CLEARING THROUGH IRVING TRUST COMPANY OF NYC WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INVESTIGATION REVEALS HILL HAS BEEN IN NYC DURING NINETEEN FORTY AND FORTYONE AT WHICH TIMES SHE STOPPED AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL IN AN EIGHTEE DOLLAR A DAY SUITE PAYING BILLS IN CASH AND ASKING NO CREDIT. ALSO STOPP AT ESSEX HOUSE, NYC, OCCUPYING A SEVENTY DOLLAR A WEEK ROOM, ALSO PAID IN CASH. SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS PRESENTLY ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN FURTHE INFORMATION CONCERING BACKGROUND OF HILL. COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AUGUST TWENTY NINE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
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FACTS:

Reference is made to the teletype from the Chicago Field Division dated August 25, 1942, on the second page of which it is indicated that Hill registered at the Seneca Hotel, Chicago, on January 3 and remained until April 20, 1942, indicating her home address to be 1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia, and that Hill received money orders each week from Marietta, Georgia, ranging from $100 to $300 while at the Seneca Hotel.

ACTION TAKEN:

I communicated telephonically with Acting SAC Means at the Atlanta, Georgia, Division and requested that the source of such money orders be discreetly ascertained immediately.

I also asked Means when a report covering the investigation to date would be submitted and he advised that one had already gone out today.

Respectfully,

C. P. Breese

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FBI PITTSBURGH 8-28-42 9-55 PM EWT BKS
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WHALE. VIRGINIA HILL WA ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON INFORMATION CONCERNING
PITTSBURGH OFFICE HAS NO RECORD OF EITHER SUBJECT. PLEASE FURNISH
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO THAT INVESTIGATION MAY BE EXPEDITED.
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Director
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RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
Virginia D'Algy;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

A report concerning the abovementioned individual will be submitted to the Bureau by August 28, 1942.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Hammack
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This Case Originated At ~~CHICAGO, ILLINOIS~~ Los Angeles LSVL. File No. #62-255

Report Made At	Date When Made	Period for Which Made	Report Made By
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	9/1/42	8/29/42	GERALD B. CRAWFORD GBC:jf

Title	Character of Case
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	24915 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis of Facts: Long Distance #120 assigned to Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. No record Brown Hotel of call from HILL, Seneca Hotel, Chicago, Illinoia, person to person, to Long Distance #120, Louisville, Kentucky, April 6, 1942 at 1:53 P. M. This information reported to be on record in Chicago. Confidential source of information reports call by NIEUERIDO VALDES from Long Distance #131, Brown Hotel, Louisville to Superior 2380, Seneca Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1942 for eight minutes and call to individual named LUSIA or LEESIA, New York City, April 5, 1942, Academy 2-8640, for thirteen minutes. VALDES checked in Brown Hotel Louisville April 4, 1942, giving Palmer House, Chicago as residence, and checked out at 7:40 A. M. April 6, 1942. No record local phone calls by VALDES and no information on local contacts.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago to Bureau dated 8/26/42.
Teletype from Bureau to Louisville dated 8/27/42.
Teletype from Louisville to Bureau dated 8/28/42.
Teletype from Louisville to Bureau and Chicago, dated 8/29/42.

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon receipt of referenced letter from the Chicago Field Division to the Director, for

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the attention of Mr. A. ROSEN, dated August 26, 1942, requesting the Louisville Field Division to ascertain under whose name Long Distance #120 was listed and that individual's connection with VIRGINIA HILL.

It was determined from a confidential source of information that Long Distance #120 is assigned to the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky and it was further determined that no record was available in the Brown Hotel of a call from VIRGINIA HILL, Seneca Hotel, Chicago, or any other person in Chicago, calling person to person to Long Distance #120, Louisville, on April 6, 1942 at 1*53 P. M. It was ascertained from this same source of information that the telephone call made by VIRGINIA HILL on April 6, 1942 to Long Distance #120, person to person at Louisville, at 1:53 P. M., was not a collect call and consequently the record of this call would be maintained at the source of the call in Chicago, and that since no record of a prepaid call was made in Louisville; it was impossible to determine the identity of the individual who received that call on Long Distance #120, at the Brown Hotel on April 6, 1942 at 1:53 P. M.

The above mentioned confidential source of information indicated that a call had been placed by NIEUERIDO VALDES through Long Distance #131 Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky to Superior 2380, which is thenumber of the Seneca Hotel, Chicago, on April 5, 1942, and that the charge made on this call was for eight minutes. Another call was reported to have been made by VALDES to an individual by the name of LUSIA or IEESIA in New York City, on April 5, 1942, to Academy 2-8640, and that this call occupied an elapsed time of thirteen minutes.

MARSHAL JONES, Assistant Manager of the Brown Hotel, Louisville, produced his records which reflected the fact that NIEUERIDO VALDES, also carried on the records as MIGUELITO VALDEZ, checked in at the Brown Hotel on April 4, 1942 and gave the Palmer House, Chicago, as his residence. These records also reflected that VALDES checked out at 7:40 A. M. April 6, 1942 and that no local telephone calls were made by him during his stay at the Brown Hotel. Mr. JONES stated that VALDES was not known at the Brown Hotel and that to the best of his knowledge, he had no one with him during his stay, since he rented a single room.

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It is to be noted that the confidential source of information mentioned in the foregoing report is [redacted] of the Louisville Telephone Company. b7D

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Director
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RE: DUDLEY ROBERTS, JR.
Special Service Contact
National Defense Matters

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above captioned individual, in conformance with my request, furnished this office with information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, who is the subject of an inquiry on the part of the Bureau.

Mr. ROBERTS submitted this information in a most expeditious manner.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH,
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. SEPTEMBER 17, 1942

Transmit the following message to: SAC LOS ANGELES

VIRGINIA HILL, WAS, ET AL, INFORMATION CONCERNING. REFER REPORT SA R. L. BLACKWELL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST, LAST, AND CONTACT CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, LOS ANGELES, WITHOUT DELAY.

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias:
Virginia D'Algy;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Stewart dated August 29, 1942, at New York, New York, which reflects that Subject Hill made certain long distance telephone calls from the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York, New York, on an occasion when she was registered there.

Investigation concerning the recipients of these telephone calls should be immediately made by those offices receiving copies of this letter for the purpose of developing information assisting in the development of subject's background and her source of income.

For the information of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Philadelphia Field Divisions, which offices did not receive copies of reference report, are listed below the telephone calls made to Chicago, Indianapolis and Philadelphia:

3-31-41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100, Mr. Riddle
4-1-42, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
4-1-42, Chicago, Illinois, Market 4150, Mr. Riddle
12-15-41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100, Fleischman
12-21-41, Chicago, Illinois, 4660, J. Spatain
12-12-41, Indianapolis, Indiana, Mayker 630
12-17-41, Indianapolis, Indiana, Lincoln 6569
3-31-41, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Kingsley 8851
3-31-41, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Perry 2844, Mrs. Hall

The Chicago office will note that several calls were made to Franklin 2100, Chicago, Illinois, which apparently is the telephone number of Mr. Riddle, and that one telephone call was made to his at Market 4150.

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The latest telephone call was made as recent as April 1, 1942, which would tend to indicate that Subject Hill and Riddle have some present association or connection, concerning which inquiries should be conducted. The Chicago Office should ascertain the identity of Fleischman, the recipient of a telephone call from subject at Franklin 2100, which is the same telephone number as that of Riddle. The recipient of a telephone call made to 4660 at Chicago, Illinois, on December 21, 1941, one J. Epstein, is undoubtedly identical with the Joseph Epstein concerning whom inquiry has previously been conducted.

The Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Offices should conduct similar inquiries concerning the recipients of the telephone calls made to those cities. Apparently the only telephone call to Los Angeles is the one made on December 16, 1941, to Glad 8076.

The New York Office is instructed to endeavor to ascertain the contents of the telegrams sent by Virginia Hill from the Hotel Waldorf Astoria listed in reference report on Page 4 thereof.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent E. J. Rose dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1942, for the completion of your file herein inasmuch as your office is the office of origin, which report incorrectly indicates Chicago to be the office of origin and fails to designate copies thereof for your Division.

The Los Angeles Office is instructed to continue its investigation herein in an effort to determine any activities in which the subject is engaged which might constitute the source or sources of her income, inasmuch as investigation to date has failed to disclose the possible source or sources of subject's income other than Joseph Epstein and, further, because inquiry has not yet disclosed the purpose of the payments of money by Epstein to subject although such payments and other circumstances have suggested the existence of a love affair between these two individuals. However, it is quite possible that Epstein is paying subject for her participation in or connection with some illegal activities.

The Bureau desires that this investigation be afforded expeditious attention and that it receive close and studied supervision to the end that the purpose of this investigation will be effected as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc-Chicago, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, and New York

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
Virginia D'Algy;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 20, 1942 and to the telephone call from Mr. ROSEN to Assistant Special Agent in Charge, JOHN W. VINCENT, August 3, 1942. On August 11, 1942 letters were directed to the Birmingham and Atlanta Field Offices requesting appropriately discreet investigation in those divisions. Under date of July 11, 1942 letters were directed to the Chicago and New York Offices requesting the same type of investigation in those fields. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The Los Angeles Office on August 19, 1942 received a teletype from the Chicago Field Division requesting that NATE GROSS, columnist on the Herald American newspaper in Chicago, who was reportedly in Los Angeles stopping at the Town House, be interviewed for information concerning VIRGINIA HILL and the others with whom she associates. On the same date GROSS was interviewed in his suite at the Town House. He is the writer of the column appearing daily in the Chicago paper mentioned above entitled "Town Tattler", a gossip column similar to that written by WALTER WINCHELL. GROSS has been in the newspaper business since he got out of school and apparently is very familiar with the inside goings on in Chicago.

At the outset he was requested to keep the Bureau's interest and inquiry in this matter strictly confidential. He advised that he would do so. He offered his services in any way possible to the Bureau, particularly to the Chicago Office. He is returning to Chicago approximately August 27, 1942.

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GROSS stated that VIRGINIA HILL was ~~a favorite subject with him~~,

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there being no personal interest but he had been intrigued with her goings on over a period of years. He knows MAJOR RIDDLE well and believes at the present time she has little or no connection with him. While they were associating with each other in Chicago GROSS said he kept it out of his column but subsequently they went to Miami, Florida and were featured in all the gossip columns and newspapers. GROSS apparently was the source of the information previously reported to the effect that RIDDLE had never given VIRGINIA HILL any money because he recited the same story.

Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL was advised by GROSS that he believed one of the main sources of VIRGINIA HILL'S income is one JOE EPSTEIN, a well-known bookmaker in Chicago who hangs around Randolph Street and is usually found in the Sherman Hotel lobby every night. He described him as being about forty years of age, Jewish extraction and accompanied by several hangers on. He did not believe that EPSTEIN was connected with any particular group of gangsters in Chicago and mentioned specifically the remnants of the CAPONE outfit.

GROSS advised that EPSTEIN worships VIRGINIA HILL and he has known her to call him long distance demanding money. Once she called him in Florida and told him to get $5000.00 to her immediately. On another occasion he stated EPSTEIN came to VIRGINIA HILL'S room to deliver some money. He asked to come in but she wouldn't let him and in answer to his entreaties allowed him to hold her hand for a few minutes. GROSS said he could not explain what it is that HILL has on EPSTEIN whereby she can make him furnish money other than the fact that he is just a damn fool.

About three weeks ago GROSS said he was in the Blackstone Hotel and some woman sent him a note saying she would like to talk to him. She asked him if he knew anything about VIRGINIA HILL and continued that back in 1933 or 1934 HILL was doing a "pitch" in front of one of the side shows at the World's Fair. This woman continued that JOE EPSTEIN had seen her at the time and presumably fell in love with her and ever since their association has been more or less known around Chicago. At about that period GROSS said he believed that she had lived at the City Hall Square Hotel with some small time hoodlum who was also known as a pimp. Other than HILL'S association with EPSTEIN, MIGUELITO VALDES and STEVEN CRANE, GROSS did not know any of her male associates.

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
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Apparently GROSS is rather intimately acquainted with MAJOR RIDDLE because he said a few months ago RIDDLE was in Chicago, called VIRGINIA HILL who also happened to be there, but she would not go out with him. When XAVIER CUGAT'S band was playing in Chicago HILL was stopping at the Seneca Hotel and had one of her younger brothers stopping with her.

GROSS was familiar with HILL'S background, her origin in the south and carryings on in New York City. He said she was strictly a phony as far as any status in society was concerned, however, he said she did not pretend to be a society girl. In connection with GROSS' "Service Man's Canteen" which he is operating in Chicago he said that HILL had contributed freely. She would not claim or want publicity for herself but would give money, cigarettes, et cetera, and ask him to mention VALDES in his column.

VIRGINIA HILL'S whereabouts at the present time is not known to this office but it is believed that she is somewhere in the east with VALDES. As soon as she returns appropriate investigation will be conducted to further determine her activities. A reviewof the issues of the Hollywood Reporter of the past several years was made by GEORGE KENNEDY, secretary to W. R. WILKERSON, publisher, and the only items concerned her appearance at various parties.

For instance, in the issue for Friday, October 31, 1941 in the "Rambling Reporter" column appeared the item "the VIRGINIA HILL party last night for about 150 people was only a trailer to the party she is planning next month. This female Rex St. Cyr is the greatest party giver yet to hit this town." From the item it appears that this party was held at Ciro's.

In the issue for September 18, 1941 appears the item "Don't even try for dates with VIRGINIA HILL the next three weeks. She is spending them at Tahoe, Chicago and New York in that order but will be available for week-day flings."

In the issue for Monday, October 6, 1941, "VIRGINIA HILL, the eastern socialite, is apparently going to stick to Hollywood for awhile. She has taken a home in the valley with a badminton court and swimming pool."

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Again in the issue for Friday, October 17, 1941, "VIRGINIA HILL is off to Chicago to see her ailing mother. She will be back in a few days." And finally in the issue for Monday, October 27, 1941 "VIRGINIA HILL tossed another of her parties."

Special Service Contact, HARRY CROCKER, on August 18, 1942 stated that he had just talked with LLOYD PANTAGES, the son of the theatre magnate, who had just returned from Mexico City. CROCKER had heard somewhere that VIRGINIA HILL was down there. PANTAGES stated he had never even heard of her and he was positive that she was not traveling in good society in Mexico City or he would have run across her. PANTAGES is a good friend of FIGUEROA family, Countess DOROTHY Di FRASSO and that crowd in Mexico City.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

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Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ATL FILE NO. 62-577 SL

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA	8/26/42	8/14,21/42	T. B. PEACOCK

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, alias Virginia D'Algy; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. MARGARET HILL, mother of subject, resides at Marietta, Ga. in respectable neighborhood and bears good reputation. Subject visits mother periodically, and is reported to spend money lavishly when there. Is also reported to support her mother, though bank account of mother reflects one deposit of $200 on 12/12/41, which has virtually been expended. Source of subject's income unknown at Marietta, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Los Angeles to Birmingham, 8/11/42.

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DETAILS: AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA.

Acting Chief of Police J. H. COUCH, advised that he has known Mrs. MARGARET HILL for at least five years, or since she moved to that place. He further advised that he knew the subject in this case slightly. He said that she has paid her mother about four or five visits in the time she has lived in Marietta, and that each time she comes there, she spends money lavishly, which causes the local residents to talk. Subject is inclined to make a large display of her spending, which induces the neighbors to talk. Chief COUCH related one instance where the subject came to Marietta for a visit about two or three years ago. She entered the sales room of the Buick dealer at that place, looked at a new car, inquired the price of it and paid for it in cash, at which time she exhibited several $1000 bills. He stated the purchase price was approximately two thousand dollars. This car was given to her two younger brothers, BILLY and CHARLIE, who drove continuously and behaved in a manner which would be expected of newly-rich persons.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. R. Vanucchi SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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He also stated that the boys had no criminal record, and had never been into any trouble, but he considered them reckless.

About a year or two ago, VIRGINIA came to Marietta and took her two brothers to Chicago with her and kept them, presumably there, for awhile. One returned to Marietta and stayed there for a short time and left again. Chief COUCH said he did not know which one this was, but added that the whereabouts of both are now unknown.

Subject is not well known around Marietta, but because of her conduct there, and the manner in which she spends money, she bears the reputation of a "gold digger." Chief COUCH further advised she had been married and divorced two or three times, and is believed to have extracted money from husbands on each of these occasions. He also said that she buys many new automobiles, and specializes on Buicks.

Chief COUCH discreetly made several telephone calls to persons acquainted with Mrs. MARGARET HILL, attempting to ascertain the source of her income, and in each of these instances it was believed subject furnished her money. Mrs. HILL is not believed to have any accounts, and is reported to pay cash for her purchases.

Inquiry made at the banks of Marietta, Georgia reveal Mrs. MARGARET HILL deposited $200 at the First National Bank of Marietta on December 12, 1941. This deposit opened an account there. Mr. L. R. COLLINS, Cashier, stated that she has not made any more deposits since then and that she had a balance of 40¢ on August 21, 1942. The records did not reflect how this deposit was made, whether by check, money order or cash. No other bank at Marietta had any record of subject or her mother ever having an account there. Mr. COLLINS further advised that he was acquainted with subject by sight, and that he had heard many rumors about her lavish spending. He substantially verified the statements made by Chief COUCH.

It will be noted that Chief COUCH stated he had never known of subject going with any men when she was in Marietta. He further stated that subject's mother has a sister, a Mrs. CLACKUM, who operates a sewing room in Marietta, and who is a seamstress.

The source of subject's income could not be learned at Marietta, though it was thought to be from some of her former husbands, which she obtained through a settlement at the time of the divorces.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. A. Rosen.

Dear Sir:

RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

In accordance with instructions contained in a letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated July 11, 1942, an investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Blackwell at Chicago, Illinois, and the results are being set forth herewith.

MR. RALPH GALTRA, Assistant Auditor, Merchandise National Bank, 222 W. North Bank Drive, advised that there are no accounts at this bank for the following persons: VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA D'ALGY, VIRGINIA DALGY, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, JUAN ROMERO, or SARA BERNER. No information was available as to ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON. A complete check of the cashier's checks register of this bank from June 1, 1942 to the latter part of July 1942 revealed the following cashier's checks purchased by JOSEPH EPSTEIN (signed requisitions with name J. EPSTEIN) for cash in addition to those listed in the Los Angeles letter which were issued in April 1941, these also being purchased by J. EPSTEIN.

DEFERRED RECORDING

Payee	Other Endorsers	No.	Date	Bank Handling	Amount
V. Dalgy	none	C-17485	4/24/41	*	$500.00
V. Dalgy	"	C-17486	"	*	500.00
V. D'Algy	Beverly Hills Hotel	C-17622	4/25/41	*	400.00
"	none	C-17623	"	*	400.00
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61179	6/1/42	**	300.00
"	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-61596	6/4/42	***	200.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61597	"	***	100.00
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61679	6/5/42	**	400.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61680	"	**	100.00

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Payee	Other Endoresers	No.	Date	Bank Handling	Amount
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61887	6/8/42	**	$300.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61888	"	**	200.00
M. Hill	" "	C-62874	6/16/42	**	200.00
V. Hill	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-62875	"	***	100.00
Juan Romero	none	C-63403	6/23/42	**	2200.00
M. Hill	Stg. Fr.Co(illegible) H. M. Powell Lillian Burgen	C-63404	"	****	50.00
M. Hill	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-63670	6/26/42	***	200.00
J. Romero	none	C-64303	7/2/42	**	2000.00
V. Hill	Miguelito Valdez (illegible)	C-65505	7/17/42	*****	100.00
"	"	C-65506	"	*****	100.00
"	"	C-65507	"	*****	100.00
"	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-65747	7/21/42	***	300.00
"	Miguelito Valdez (illegible)	C-65748	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65749	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65750	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65751	"	*****	300.00
"	Hotel Buckingham	C-65752	"	******	200.00
		TOTAL			$10,150.00

Banks Handling:

* - Beverly Hills Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles, California.

** - Beverly Hills Branch, Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.

*** - Laurel Sunset Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles, Calif.

**** - First National Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.

***** - Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York, New York, N.Y.

****** - The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, New York, N.Y.

No address was shown on the requisitions for cashier's checks for J. EPSTEIN, and as a result MISS ELSIE MARTIN, draft teller, was instructed by MR. JOSEPH KAULAS, JR., Assistant Auditor, at agent's request,

to have EPSTEIN place his address on the next requisition he prepared for a cashier's check. MR. KAULAS is to call this office the next time EPSTEIN purchases a cashier's check.

MR. FRED C. MESSENGER, Auditor and Comptroller of the Merchandise National Bank, reported that J. EPSTEIN is a bookie for Stern and Horwick, 10 N. Clark Street, and that he has been with this concern for several years and does all of the banking for the company. He also reported that MAJOR A. RIDDLE (MAJOR his first name and not a military title) began financing the Monark Mtr. Frt. System, Inc. about 1939 or 1940.

MISS ELSIE MARTIN, draft teller, gave the following description of J. EPSTEIN:

Age	40
Height	5'5"
Weight	160
Build	medium
Complexion	dark
Hair	dark, curly
Eyes	color unknown
Glasses	wears very thick lense glasses
Features	big nose

MR. HARRY F. REUTLINGER, City Editor, Chicago Herald American, 326 W. Madison Street, allowed agent to examine all the newspaper files on MAJOR A. RIDDLE and VIRGINIA HILL.

A story of July 9, 1941 states that RIDDLE is a millionaire truck line operator, being president of the Monark Motor Freight System, Inc., 2299 Lumber Street, Chicago. RIDDLE'S age was given as 32 in an article dated August 25, 1939.

VIRGINIA HILL appeared in a series of photographs on December 13, 1941 with the following captions underneath such photographs: "Hollywood's Newest Sensation"; "Four times three hunter Virginia Hill failed to crash Hollywood - then she threw a $7500 party at Ciro's - landed in the movies - and Milton Berle's arms." "Although screen stars like Mickey Rooney, the Marx brothers, and Ramon Hakim flock to her gala soirees, Virginia remained a mystery woman. Here in her act of 'the woman pays' she is greeting her guests at Countess Sonja's night club." "Her parties brought Virginia a screen test as a party giver in 'Ball of Fire' and orders were to shed fifteen pounds. Her fan mail exceeded that of the stars Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyk. Movie work interfered with her parties - so she gave up the movies." "In the picture she is described as age 24; weight 116; height, 5'4"; hair, brown." "Virginia's

day begins at 4:00 P.M. and ends at 4:00 A.M. after the inevitable bistro high-jinks. Above she is at Ciro's with JOHN CARROLL. 'Ah love to give parties', she says with an Alabaman drawl. 'Spendin' is mah hobby. Ah pays the check and everybody is bound to be happy.' 'Ah married money', is her explanation of her golden cascade. Annulment and a fortune ended her first marriage to GEORGE BROWN of Alabama. Her second husband was OSSIE GRIFFITH, Alabama grid star; third, CARLOS VALDEZ, dancer - 'We split - ran out of new rhumbas'."

In an article in the Chicago Sun dated December 23, 1941, from Hollywood, HILL stated she was going to Chicago to join the Red Cross and that she planned to buy defense bonds with the $70,000 she spends annually in Broadway and Hollywood night spots.

In a story of July 27, 1941 by NATE GROSS, it is suggested that HILL hails from Marietta, Georgia and that she is playing around with JOHN CARROLL, MGM star. HILL rented CARROLL'S home in Beverly Hills about five years before this date. It is also stated she is backing the night club "The Hurricane" in New York City.

MR. REUTLINGER furnished the agent with a photograph of RIDDLE and HILL taken March 19, 1941 as they were coming out of a theatre in Chicago. This photograph is being retained in the Chicago Field Office.

There was no information on VIRGINIA D'ALGY or VIRGINIA DAIGY inthe files of the above newspaper.

MR. RAY WATSON, Assistant Manager, Sherman Hotel, 116 West Randolph Street, stated that RIDDLE was a guest at his hotel a great deal during theyear 1941, but not in 1942. RIDDLE is known at the hotel as a millionaire playboy in the trucking game, and is well known among the employees since he is a big spender. HILL was here at various times but he never saw HILL and RIDDLE together. HILL spends a great deal of money too. RIDDLE never mentioned having a wife. RIDDLE'S good friend was JOHN GOTTLIEB, now a colonel in the Transportation Division of the Army, and is located at Washington, D. C. GOTTLIEB is the owner and operator of the Pioneer Trucking Company, Chicago, Illinois.

MR. HAROLD P. SCHWIND, credit manager, Sherman Hotel, stated there was a rumor in the hotel that HILL was RIDDLE'S girl friend, but that he knew no real evidence of it. He further stated RIDDLE'S company, the Monark Motor Freight System, Inc., burned down last winter and that RIDDLE wasno longer connected with it. It was purchased by a MR. RISS of Riss and Company, 356 N. Halsted Street, Chicago.

While a guest at the hotel, RUDDLE drew checks on the Fidelity Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Marion County State Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana. MR. SCHWIND stated VIRGINIA HILL was registered at the hotel under the names of VIRGINIA HILL, Marietta, Georgia, and

VIRGINIA HILLBURN, Chicago, Illinois, from March 5 to March 7, 1941, and under the name of VIRGINIA WATSON, Chicago, Illinois, from March 7 to April 9, 1941. The bills for all three names were charged to the account of MAJOR A. RIDDLE, who was registered at the hotel at the same time.

MR. WILLIAM D. HODGINS, Assistant Manager, Seneca Hotel, 200 E. Chestnut Street, stated that VIRGINIA HILL was registered at the hotel from January 3, 1942 to April 20, 1942, showing her home address on the registration card as 1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia. He could say nothing about her except that she paid her bills promptly and was a free spender. A man named EPSTEIN (first name unknown) came to see her every day and was apparently handling her business affairs. She left a forwarding address as the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. HODGINS never saw RIDDLE and never heard of him.

MR. BURTON SPAIN, bellboy at the Seneca Hotel, made substantially the same statements as MR. HODGINS, adding that HILL received a money order for from $100 to $300 each week from Marietta, Georgia, and that she had two brothers, one 16 and the other 18, here with her for a time. HILL ran around in cafe society and spent plenty, according to SPAIN.

MR. JOHN F. SCHLAUTERBACH, manager of the Seneca Hotel, stated he has heard that VIRGINIA HILL was at one time associated with a mobster but that he cannot recall where. It was just a rumor. A man named EPSTEIN made the reservation at the hotel for her. One brother called CHUCK was here with HILL all the time and another brother was with her for a short time. HILL was rarely seen with men at the hotel and SCHLAUTERBACH said he never heard of or saw RIDDLE. HILL was supposed to have come back to Chicago in June and plans were made to receive her, but she never came. SCHLAUTERBACH said HILL spent a great deal of money.

MR. JERRY KAHLER, entertainer at the Seneca Hotel, stated he never saw VIRGINIA HILL with RIDDLE. She was very seldom with anyone except her brother CHUCK.

MRS. HELEN SERVISS, clerk at the Seneca Hotel, furnished the following long distance calls made by VIRGINIA HILL while she was at the Seneca Hotel:

1/15/42 - EPSTEIN called SAM WEINGER, Miami, Florida, from HILL'S apartment at 11:36 P.M.

3/3/41 - HILL called M. HILL, phone 336-R, Marietta, Georgia, at 8:20 P.M.

3/30/42 - HILL called Cicero 4038 at 6:52 P.M. (this number is unlisted for R. J. CAPPER, 1600 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, Ill.)

3/30/42 - HILL called Downers Grove 133-W at 10:15 P.M. (person having this telephone number will be ascertained by this office).

3/30/42 - HILL called Marietta, Georgia at 8:43 P.M.

4/6/42 - HILL called L.D. 120, person to person, Louisville, Kentucky at 1:53 P.M.

4/6/42 - HILL called Miguelito Valdez at Louisville, Kentucky at 4:14 A.M.

4/9/42 - A MR. PRIGNANA called C. WALLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa. from HILL'S apartment at 12:24 A.M.

4/10/42 - HILL called person to person to telephone number Cherry 9798, Cleveland, Ohio at 1:04 P.M.

4/10/42 - HILL called M. VALDEZ at Prospect 6800, Cleveland, Ohio at 1:28 A.M. This same number was called again 4/12/42 at 2:50 A.M.

MRS. SERVISS also furnished agent with local telephone calls made by VIRGINIA HILL while at the Seneca Hotel. The listings on all these numbers will be ascertained by this office.

MR. CLIFFORD A. RAVENHILL, treasurer, Baird and Warner, Inc., 7 South Dearborn Street, stated that MAJOR A. RIDDLE moved into the penthouse apartment at 720 N. Wabash Avenue on April 1, 1941 and that his lease ran until April 30, 1942. RIDDLE'S application, which was on file, stated that he was in Indianapolis, Indiana from April 1939 until he took the above apartment, and that he was president of the Globe Trucking (or cartage) Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. He gave the address of 1300 Kentucky Avenue. He was also listed as being president of the Monark Motor Freight System, Chicago, Illinois. RIDDLE used his firm's bank account for personal finances, which account was at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana. The application also stated that he is now running, or has operated, the "Plantation Club", a night club at Moline, Illinois. He gave an Indianapolis address of 5930 Washington Boulevard and Indianapolis telephone numbers of Lincoln 6581 and Broadway 6811. The two men who lived with RIDDLE in this apartment were a MR. RISS and a MR. CONNOR (first names unknown). MR. RAVENHILL did not know whether any woman stayed with RIDDLE while he was at this apartment, but stated he never saw RIDDLE'S wife.

MRS. NELLIE STRICKLAND, present manager of the apartment building at 720 N. Wabash Avenue, stated she knew that RIDDLE had the penthouse here for a time but that she does not remember him since she has been

manager only since August 1, 1942.

MR. LARS NIELSEN, night elevator operator, 720 N. Wabash Ave., stated he knew RIDDLE when he lived here and that he had VIRGINIA HILL in his apartment many nights. NIELSEN recognized the photograph of HILL at once. NIELSEN stated RIDDLE had other women in the apartment also, but that he treated HILL with a differential air which he did not show to the other women. RIDDLE left here the last of November 1941 or the first of December 1941 and stated he was going to the North Woods to attend to some of his business interests there. NIELSEN said he saw in the paper about two months ago that RIDDLE had sold these interests in the North Woods.

RIDDLE came back to the apartment only once after he first left and then for only a short time one day, and has not been seen about the place since. NIELSEN does not know where RIDDLE came from or where he went. RIDDLE sub-leased his apartment to several men when he left for the North Woods and they were in the apartment until some time in April 1942. NIELSEN stated RIDDLE was a great horse race man and believes he owns race horses.

MR. MALCOLM F. JAMES, manager, St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, stated JOSEPH EPSTEIN has lived at his hotel for the past year but he has never seen VIRGINIA HILL. He stated, however, that EPSTEIN called VIRGINIA HILL this year three times each month in California, or Marietta, Georgia. Every two or three months trunks for HILL were delivered to EPSTEIN'S room. MR. JAMES said EPSTEIN has a safety deposit box at the hotel and every night he put an envelope in it and would take the envelope out before leaving each morning. There are only two keys to this safety deposit box and EPSTEIN has both of them in his possession. MR. JAMES does not know EPSTEIN'S business but has heard he is a shyster lawyer, and does not know what connection EPSTEIN has with HILL. MR. JAMES has never heard of RIDDLE. He said mail comes for VIRGINIA HILL at this address and is put in EPSTEIN'S mailbox. MR. JAMES was requested by agent to withhold the next letter which came for HILL and notify this office at once. He has also agreed to monitor long distance calls made by EPSTEIN. From the description given by MR. JAMES of EPSTEIN, it is quite apparent that he is the same person who purchased the cashier's checks listed earlier in this letter.

MR. HUGH BROWN, bell captain at the St. Clair Hotel, stated EPSTEIN went to New York City very often three or four months ago, but has not been lately. MR. BROWN displayed an express receipt for HILL'S trunk, which was delivered to EPSTEIN'S room and then shipped to Beverly Hills, California. The date of this express receipt was May 1, 1942 and the trunk was valued at $2000. MR. BROWN has never seen RIDDLE. He has seen HILL in EPSTEIN'S room but not while EPSTEIN was there.

Director 8/26/42

A discreet search was made in EPSTEIN'S apartment by Agent Blackwell, and it was found that his kitchen was filled with horse racing forms (scratch sheets, takes, etc.). All luggage in the apartment was empty. There were several letters to VIRGINIA HILL kept in a large envelope in EPSTEIN'S desk, mostly from love sick men who had seen her pictures in the newspapers and magazines. There were several photographs of HILL in the apartment. There was one empty envelope addressed to VIRGINIA HILL at The Reforma Hotel, Mexico, D.F. There were several pairs of women's shoes in EPSTEIN'S bedroom. In a trunk were the bank statements for Stern and Horwick, 10 N. Clark Street, and all racing forms carried this company's letterhead. An envelope, a blank form with the company letterhead, and one of EPSTEIN'S calling cards were obtained and are being made a part of the file on this case. EPSTEIN'S calling card shows a phone number Delaware 1030, which is listed twice by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company - once for the Chicago Commutator and once for EDWIN L. SMEAGE, both addresses being given as 325 W. Huron St. This card also shows a telephone number L.D. 136, the listing on which will be ascertained.

The following names were checked at Hill's Reports, Inc., 209 W. Jackson Blvd., with negative results: VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA D'ALGY, VIRGINIA DALGY, MAJOR A. RIDDLE, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, JOSEPH EPSTEIN, EDWIN L. SMEAGE, R. J. CAPPER.

Under date of August 18, 1942 the following teletype was sent to the Los Angeles Field Division: "Interview NATE GROSS, columnist, Herald American, Chicago, at Town House, Los Angeles, California, for possible information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, MAJOR A. RIDDLE and others concerned. For GROSS' information HILL was playing around with JOHN CARROLL, movie actor, in Chicago in July 1941. This to help GROSS remember HILL."

The following teletype was sent to the New York Field Division under date of August 18, 1942: "For your information HILL backs The Hurricane night club in New York City, or did in July 1941. Source of information is column of NATE GROSS in Herald American newspaper, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 27, 1941."

It is requested that the Cleveland Field Division ascertain the listing of the telephone number Cherry 9798, which was called by VIRGINIA HILL on April 10, 1942, and that person's connection with HILL.

The Pittsburgh Field Division will ascertain the identity of C. WALLEY and what connection, if any, he has with VIRGINIA HILL. A call was made to him from VIRGINIA HILL'S apartment on April 9, 1942 by a MR. PRIGNANA.

The Louisville Field Division will ascertain under whose

name telephone number L.D. 120 is listed and that person's connection with VIRGINIA HILL. /cov.

The Miami Field Division will ascertain the background of SAM WEINGER, whom JOSEPH EPSTEIN called from VIRGINIA HILL'S apartment on January 15, 1942, and his connection with VIRGINIA HILL, if any. /cov.

The Indianapolis Field Division will make such inquiry to determine what, if any, is the present relation existing between VIRGINIA HILL and MAJOR A. RIDDLE. /cov.

It is requested that utmost discretion be used in the above investigation in order that the Bureau's interest in VIRGINIA HILL may not become known to her or to anyone else who is connected with her.

The Chicago Field Division will conduct investigations in an effort to discover the present relationship between VIRGINIA HILL and MAJOR A. RIDDLE, and will report any other money being forwarded to HILL from this location, if such is discovered. The Chicago Office will also obtain additional data concerning JOSEPH EPSTEIN and his connection with VIRGINIA HILL. /cov.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Johnson

A. H. JOHNSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. HOOD, sister of Hill, interviewed under pretext, advised that her sister left Bessemer at the age of 14 in 1932 or 1933, went to Chicago, said to have married GEORGE BROWN; left Brown after a few days; danced at various night clubs; met JOE EPSTEINE, wealthy Chicago bookmaker; reported married EPSTEINE, lived at Stephens Hotel, Chicago, and traveled extensively. Divorced Epsteine, made various trips to Bessemer, and married OSGOOD GRIFFIN in January 1939; marriage annulled August 1939. Traveled between Hollywood, Florida, and New York. Married CARLOS VALDEZ in 1940 and divorced same year. EPSTEINE has always been her financial supporter during entire career. Rumor in Bessemer that HILL was a dope runner. She returned home periodically, spent money freely, always referred to financial backer as person in Chicago, once stated him to be head of policy racket in United States. Juvenile Court records indicate problem child at early age. Never finished grammar school. Only relatives in Bessemer, Alabama, are sister, Mrs. J. H. HOOD, and father, MACK HILL, who appear to be living in poverty. Father horse and cattle trader. No trace of Indian blood. Father and mother separated in 1935. Mother and brother BILL live in home built by subject HILL in Marietta, Georgia. Present whereabouts of family set out. Newspaper morgue checked with negative results.

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AT BESSEMER, ALABAMA:

The writer interviewed Mrs. O. A. GRIFFIN, mother of a former husband of HILL, under pretext of a magazine writer, and she advised that she knew very little about her; and that her only connection with her was the marriage of her son, who was under the influence of liquor at the time of the marriage; and that her son only lived with Virginia for a short time. Mrs. Griffin seemed reluctant to talk about the affair and advised the writer that a Mrs. J. H. HOOD, sister of Virginia, could furnish any desired information.

Mrs. J. H. HOOD, sister of HILL, was interviewed under pretext of a magazine writer, and she advised that her sister Virginia, before she had finished grammar school in Bessemer, had been very desirous of obtaining fancy clothes and going places. Sometime in the latter part of 1932 or 1933, she stated that Virginia, in order to attend the World's Fair in Chicago, married a GEORGE BROWN and went to Chicago with him, and left him after a few days. She stated that while her sister was in Chicago she danced at the various night clubs on the World's Fair grounds, and sometime later attended the Plaza Dancing School, and then was employed as a teacher for that school for approximately one year. She left the employment of the Plaza School to become a night club dancer, and while dancing at the Chez Paree she met JOSEPH EPSTEINE, a wealthy Chicago bookmaker, and they were married shortly thereafter. While in Chicago they lived at various hotels, but always considered the Hotel Stephens as their home. She also stated that they traveled throughout practically every State in the country as EPSTEINE frequented practically every large racing track as this was the method of his income.

Mrs. Hood further related that after her sister obtained a divorce from EPSTEINE, she returned to Bessemer to marry OSGOOD GRIFFIN. She stated that her sister's marriage to Griffin was very unsuccessful due to the fact that Griffin drank excessively. At the time of her marriage to Griffin, Epsteine continued to be her main source of support. She left Griffin to travel to Chicago and New York, where she was employed at various night clubs, and in some instances made trips to Mexico. During this travel she met a JEAN DEL RAY, a night club dancer, and they both went to Hollywood, where they obtained small parts in the movie entitled "Good Earth."

Mrs. Hood also stated that while in Hollywood her sister called her quite frequently and always remarked how nice EPSTEINE was to her even though she had divorced him. She married CARLOS VALDEZ, a Mexican dancer, in 1940; and, in order to promote a successful career for VALDEZ, she purchased a night club for him in Hollywood. Mrs. Hood's sister, Virginia, stated that the money that was used to purchase this night club was furnished to her (Virginia) by EPSTEINE. Continuing, Mrs. Hood stated that the marriage to Valdez ended after a short time

due to the fact that VALDEZ was very jealous of her sister, Virginia. Her sister Virginia then met JUAN ROMERO, a wealthy South American and was considered by her to the present date to be her business manager. She stated that Romero is the owner of Falcon-Lair, former home of Rudolph Valentino, located at Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where her sister is presently residing.

She also stated that her younger brother, CHARLES, who had been living with his mother at Marietta, Georgia, is now with Virginia in California.

Mrs. Hood advised that she had often talked to JOE EPSTEINE, her sister's financial sponsor, over the telephone and at various times had received cards from him, the last time she had heard from him being approximately two months ago, which was a card from the Medinah Athletic Club in Chicago, Illinois. She also stated that she never did see EPSTEINE, and that during her sister's visits to Birmingham EPSTEINE was always going to visit, but it seemed like some event would always occur that would interfere with his coming to Birmingham.

Mrs. HOOD stated that her mother was living in Marietta, Georgia, with her brother, Bill, in a home built by Virginia; and that, according to recent correspondence from her mother, she was going to California to live with Virginia. Mrs. Hood related that Virginia was presently under contract with either Paramount or Universal for $1,000 per week, but due to Virginia's excessive desire to travel she had not been too successful in her movie career.

Mrs. Hood stated that her husband is presently unemployed, and he only works at odd jobs in the City of Bessemer. She also stated that her father, MACK HILL, a horse and cattle trader, lived with them. It was noted by the Agent that Mrs. Hood, the mother of five children, and the father, who appeared to be a broken, old man, are in destitute means.

Mr. FRED ROSS, attorney and former Special Agent of the FBI, stated that the information he had of HILL was that of recent years; and that he was not familiar with her early childhood. He stated that his interest, as of everyone else in Bessemer, was aroused by the national publicity that, as a former resident of Bessemer, she received; and that when she returned to visit her sister, she was the subject of conversation. He also advised that during one of her trips to Bessemer she married a boy named OSGOOD GRIFFIN, a former high school football star, who attended the University of Alabama for one week. He also stated that Mr. O. A. GRIFFIN, a lumber dealer in Bessemer and father of Osgood, furnished the couple a home in Bessemer; and that while living in Bessemer Virginia made frequent trips to Chicago, Florida, and New York; and that on many of these trips OSGOOD accompanied her. He stated that after a few months HILL left her husband and left for Hollywood. He also stated that it was the concensus of opinion of the people in Bessemer that Virginia was a dope runner, but he stated this was not authentic as it was only hearsay.

Mr. Ross also advised that on August 11, 1939, the law firm of Ross and Ross, of which he is a partner, at the request of Mr. GRIFFIN, father of Osgood, had the marriage annulled in the Circuit Court of Bessemer, the charge being that Osgood was intoxicated on the date of marriage, that date being January 13, 1939. No property settlement was made; and, as a matter of fact, the fee charged by the law firm has never been paid by Mr. Griffin. He further stated that the Griffins are a good Christian family, and their only connection with subject HILL was the marriage of their irresponsible son to Virginia. He also stated that Osgood, due to his excessive drinking and supposed use of dope, was now an imbecile and putters around a small radio work shop furnished by his father to keep the son occupied.

He also related that after the marriage had been annulled, HILL had married some Spanish dancer; that during her return to Birmingham she had heard that Osgood was in the Hillcrest Sanatorium at East Lake, Birmingham, Alabama, suffering from excess use of alcohol; and that she sent a taxicab to the above mentioned sanatorium and had Osgood sent to Georgia or Miami, Florida, for one week. It was the opinion of Mr. Ross that subject Hill at one time was very much in love with young Griffin.

Mr. Ross was questioned as to the probability of the father, MACK HILL, being half Indian, and he stated that this was a fallacy; that Mack Hill was just a poor man in the Southern part of the United States. He also stated that Mr. J. H. HOOD, husband of Hill's sister, had been employed as a city fireman for some time and has just recently been discharged for excessive drinking; and that he was presently working on various WPA projects. A few days ago, he stated, Mr. Hood called at his office with an application for employment in the shipyards at Mobile. He also stated that the Hood family and Mack Hill are practically living in poverty.

Mrs. KATIE L. EGAN, Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Bessemer, furnished the writer the file on Virginia Hill, and it was noted that a complaint was filed January 26, 1932, by Mrs. Bervis McCauley, sister of Virginia Hill, stating that Virginia had run away from home, and requesting officers of the Juvenile Court to locate her. The complaint also stated that Virginia was in the Seventh grade and had caused her parents considerable trouble; that she at one time had attempted to attack her mother with a club; also, that she had used the charge account of her sister to obtain various articles in the stores of Bessemer without her sister's consent. The file also reflected that she was running around with bad company; that she was a "tom boy" and would think nothing of hitch-hiking or hoboing. On January 28, 1932, the Juvenile Court was advised to discontinue investigation as Virginia had been located in Chicago.

The file of Virginia Hill's brother, James, was also examined, and it was stated therein that MACK HILL had left his wife, charging her with the responsibility of the immoral life that his daughter Virginia was leading; and that the three boys: James, Charles, and Bill, were living with the father in Bessemer; and that the mother had requested that the two sons, Charles and Bill, be returned to her custody. It was also noted that the father in 1938 had requested that his son James be committed to the Alabama Boys' Industrial School because of the company

he was keeping. The boy was accepted at that school, and, due to his belligerent conduct, he was returned to his father. The file also reflected that Virginia Hill, who enjoyed a notorious reputation and who was presently living in Chicago, New York, or Hollywood, had returned to Bessemer sometime during the year 1938 and had taken her two brothers, Bill and Charles, to Birmingham, where she entertained them royally. The report also stated that "It is suggested that Virginia Hill is associated with a narcotic ring."

JOE BIVONA, proprietor of a Men's Furnishings' store, stated that he had come in contact with Virginia Hill through his friendship with OSGOOD GRIFFIN; and that during the various trips made by Virginia to Bessemer she had purchased articles in his store for Osgood. He stated that she had always paid for her purchases in cash, and he always noticed that she carried a large amount of money. He stated he was not familiar with her early childhood; but that, according to his recollection, after her marriage to GEORGE BROWN she had studied beauty culture in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He also advised that Virginia had stated at various times that a certain person of Jewish extraction in Chicago had furnished her all the money she desired. He also related that Osgood Griffin had received a letter from Virginia approximately a week ago; and that he had brought the letter to his store to let him read it. He stated that the letter contained only a few lines, inquiring about the welfare of Osgood and stating that she had recently called on Thelma Burns, a former Birmingham resident now in the movies in Hollywood. He also stated that he considered the rumors in Bessemer that Virginia was a dope runner were untrue, and he considered her source of money was wealthy men scattered throughout the country, of whom she had taken advantage.

MACK HILL, father of Virginia, was interviewed under the pretext of a magazine writer, and he stated that Virginia had left home at a very early age, and to his knowledge had been married several times; and that she had traveled extensively throughout the country. He further stated that he had heard she was in the movies in Hollywood. He also stated that it seems that he and his daughter could never get along, and that during her trips to Bessemer she never went out of the way to see him; that she had never furnished him any money and had never corresponded with him.

Hill was questioned as to the article that appeared in a recent issued of LOOK Magazine stating that his daughter was a Georgia oil heiress and that her father was half Indian. He emphatically stated he was not half Indian; that he was originally from Acworth, Georgia; and that the remark about her being a Georgia oil heiress was untrue. He stated that he had raised a large family, and that he had tried to provide them with a comfortable living; but, due to his profession - that of a cattle and horse buyer, it didn't seem to meet with the approval of his wife and younger daughter, Virginia. Mr. Hill gave the following information with regard to the addresses of the other members of his family:

Mrs. BERVIS McCAULEY, age 35, Atlanta, Georgia. Her husband operates a bakery there.

Mrs. BERTIE HOOD, age 35, Bessemer, Alabama.

CARL HILL, U. S. Navy, age 33.

Mrs. RUTH KELLY, age 31, Pensacola, Florida.

JOHN HILL, U. S. Marines, age 23.

JAMES HILL, age 21, U. S. Army.

WILLIAM HILL, age 16, Marietta, Georgia.

CHARLES HILL, age 14, Hollywood, California, living with sister Virginia.

R. C. HILL, alias Tigger, Miami, Florida.

Virginia, age 26, stating that she was born in August 1916.

Chief Deputy Sheriff CLYDE MORRIS, Bessemer, Alabama, advised that TIGGER HILL, sometime during the latter part of 1937 and 1938, had attempted to operate a policy racket in and around Bessemer; that he was arrested on March 11, 1938, on a lottery charge, and he was released subsequent to paying a fine. He stated that Tigger had left Bessemer shortly after that, and his Department had no knowledge of his whereabouts. He also stated that he was unfamiliar with the early life of Virginia Hill, and his only contact with her was on her recent visits to Bessemer, which aroused considerable interest in that city.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Mr. GEORGE F. FOWLER, Assistant Credit Manager of the Tutwiler Hotel, stated that Virginia Hill had been a guest at the Tutwiler Hotel at various times during the past six or seven years; that during her stay at this hotel she always occupied a suite of rooms. He could offer no information as to the guests or people who called on her, but stated that she always paid her bills in cash. He further advised that a Miss CLARA RAY, Manager of the flower shop at the Tutwiler Hotel, who occupied a room next to Virginia during one of her visits to Birmingham, has heard her call Chicago various times and request money. He stated Miss Ray could not recall the name of the person Virginia was calling.

Mrs. GLADYS GRAGE, beauty operator at the Tutwiler Hotel, was interviewed under the pretext of a magazine writer, and she advised that every time Virginia Hill was a guest of the Tutwiler Hotel she had been in her room many times to give her beauty treatments. She

stated that quite frequently during the process of the beauty treatment Virginia would call Chicago, talk to some individual, and request that money be sent to her immediately. She also stated that at no time did Virginia ever mention the person's name she was talking to. Mrs. Grace further advised that they had entered into a conversation in regard to the policy numbers racket; that Virginia had stated that her friend in Chicago, who was her chief source of money supply, was a big shot and head of the policy racket in the United States. She further advised that during one of her beauty treatments that Osgood Griffin was in the hotel room of Virginia and apparently in a drunken condition; and that he had requested that his wife change radio stations. She had refused; and he stated if she didn't he was going to slap her face. Mrs. Grace asked Virginia if she was not afraid of Osgood while he was in this condition, and she replied in the negative, and walked over and opened the shirt of her husband to show a scar across his chest that was inflicted by her during one of the belligerent moods of her husband.

The morgues of the local newspapers were checked by Special Employee Agent JAMES ENGLISH with negative results.

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VIRGINIA HILL WA ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING.
REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE DATED AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. MAJOR
A. RIDDLE LIVED IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA PRACTICALLY ALL HIS LIFE
UNTIL PAST FEW YEARS. HIS WIFE FRANCES AND TWO DAUGHTERS JANIE,
TWELVE YEARS, AND NANCY, EIGHT YEARS, RESIDE FIVE NINE THREE
NAUGHT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THEY ARE NOT
DIVORCED BUT MERELY LIVING APART. RIDDLE RECOGNIZED AS A PLAY BOY
WITH EXECUTIVE TRUCKING ABILITY, WHO HAS MADE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY
FOR A MAN HIS AGE. HE IS CONSIDERED A PLUNGER, A GAMBLER, AND
SPENDS MONEY FREELY. LOCAL BANK OFFICIALS STATE RIDDLE HAS ALWAYS
PAID HIS LOANS, BUT HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST MUCH OF HIS MONEY
IN RECENT YEARS. RIDDLE IS PRESENTLY INTERESTED IN THE GLOBE CAR-
TAGE COMPANY, NINE TWO FOUR EAST OHIO STREET, INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA. HE HAS OTHER TRUCKING INTERESTS, EXACT CONNECTION NOT
KNOWN. RIDDLE BELIEVED TO NO LONGER BE ASSOCIATED WITH VIRGINIA HILL.
HE HAD STATED TO FRIENDS SHE WAS CHASING AFTER HIM, BUT HE DID NOT
CARE FOR HER. RIDDLE NOW OPERATING GAMBLING PLACE AT MOLINE,
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with alias Virginia D'Algy; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted to determine source of subject VIRGINIA HILL'S income with negative results. Further investigation reveals that VIRGINIA HILL is presently in NYC and has been in NYC on many occasions during 1940 and 1941 stopping at the Essex House and Waldorf Astoria Hotel in expensive suites. Pays bills in cash. Confidential informants reveal VIRGINIA HILL spends money lavishly, has been married three times, believes she may be "kept" by someone," and that she owns part of Hurricane Night Club in NYC.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter from the Los Angeles Field Office dated July 11, 1942 requesting that the New York Office conduct an investigation of VIRGINIA HILL with alias VIRGINIA D'ALGY and specifically to ascertain the source of her income. The letter stated that VIRGINIA HILL is well known in Hollywood, New York City, and Chicago as the "Female Rex St. Cyr", "The Bell of the Bistros" in the light of the fabulous and expensive parties she gives and that she was presently residing in a house known as the Falcon-Lair which was built by RUDOLPH VALENTINO, 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, unlisted telephone number CR 6-8045; that she was living with the owner, JUAN ROMERO, up until he recently left to go East with XAVIER CUGAT'S Band, in which he appears as a singer. One MIGUELITO VALDEZ also lived there.

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The letter further advised that in the issue of November 5, 1941 of the Los Angeles Examiner appeared a feature story on HILL, in which she stated that her principal boy friend was one MAJOR RIDDLE, "a Chicago trucking magnate, with a penthouse, race horses, and the same kind of a yen for fun th

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I've got". She told the reporter that he had lots of money and called her long distance every night.

The letter continued that the Chicago Herald American, by telegram dated November 5, 1941, to the Los Angeles Examiner, set forth the results of its inquiry as to RIDDLE, stating that he was originally from Indianapolis, where he has a home, wife, and two children; that he was estranged from his wife, but at that time was back with her; that during the estrangement, he was continuously with VIRGINIA HILL in the various night clubs in Chicago. RIDDLE was supposed to have told his friends privately that he never gave VIRGINIA one penny; that at one time he offered her money, and she scorned it, saying that she was very hurt that "that was what he thought of her".

It was reported to the Los Angeles Examiner that VIRGINIA HILL was a gangster's moll in Cicero and that she more recently was connected with one EPSTEIN of New York, who is supposed to be MR. BIG in some kind of a horse racket and is handling interests for AL CAPONE. Associated with the girl at this end (meaning in Chicago) is JAKE FACTOR and a mysterious guy known as the MAJOR. This report from Chicago also stated that it was rumored that HILL is a go-between for a gang bringing in Jewish refugees and that she might be running Mexicans or Chinese into this country.

Chicago?

The letter continued that in the issue of August 12, 1941 of the "LOOK" Magazine appeared an article on HILL entitled "The last of the night club players, etc." It mentioned her as having bought a big piece of Broadway's Hurricane Night Club. WALTER WINCHELL has on several occasions made mention of her in his column.

The letter further stated that on October 1, 1941 by Postal Telegram clearing through the IRVING TRUST COMPANY of New York City, VIRGINIA HILL received $200, at which time she was stopping at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

The letter stated that ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, a small-time publicity man in Hollywood, the husband of SARA BERNER, who resides at 4258 Shady Glade Avenue, Hollywood, California, was handling publicity for HILL. Further information concerning SOLOMON was requested.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he was unable to find any record of the telegram dated October 1, 1941 clearing through the IRVING TRUST COMPANY of New York City by which VIRGINIA HILL received $200. He stated that if the correct date of the telegram was known and the city of origin of the transaction, this record could be found, so in his opinion either the date, October 1, 1941, is wrong or New York City is not the city of origin.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that he could find no transaction involving any sum of money being sent to VIRGINIA HILL at Beverly Hills, California. He stated that neither VIRGINIA HILL nor ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON had an account with the IRVING TRUST COMPANY.

The records of Confidential Informant T-3 disclosed that the HURRICANE CABARET INCORPORATED, located at 1619 Broadway, New York City, was incorporated under New York law April 29, 1941 with 450 shares of no par value, common stock. The officers are Abraham Wasser, Vice President and Manager; James Shean, President and Secretary; and David Wolper, Treasurer. The following quotation is taken from the records of this confidential source: "While not appearing as an officer or furnished as a director, it has heretofore been reported that Miss VIRGINIA HILL is interested in the concern. She is described as in her twenties and reported to be in possession of much more than average means. She is understood to be a native of Georgia and to maintain a New York City residence at the Hotel Essex." The Hurricane Night Club has a paid in capital of $25,000 and fixtures of $50,000, employs 230 persons, including 2 orchestras and entertainers, and the bulk of income is derived from the sale of liquors and foods.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that VIRGINIA HILL had stopped at the Essex House, Central Park South, on June 5, 1941 and June 27, 1941 and that she had been there several times previous to that. He stated that Miss VIRGINIA HILL gave her address 1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia, and she gave as financial references the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, California, and the Marietta National Bank, Marietta, Georgia. Informant T-4 advised that she usually took an expensive suite of rooms, paying about $70 a week therefor, and that she usually paid most of her bills in cash. He advised that they had written the Bank of America at Beverly Hills, California, and received a reply that VIRGINIA HILL had no account at that bank as of May 28, 1941. They also wrote the First National Bank of Marietta, receiving a reply on May 27, 1941 that they only had a passing acquaintance with her consisting of the handling of Western Union drafts and selling Traveller's Checks.

Confidential Informant T-4 also advised that VIRGINIA HILL made the following telephone calls while at the Essex House:

Bryant 9-5260	Illinois 4506
Florida 8-1017	Pennsylvania 6-4506
Plaza 8-1017	Pennsylvania 6-4560
Endicott 2-6980	Wadsworth 9-2137
Wickersham 2-5800	Havermeyer 9-1859
Da. 9-1186	Bryant 9-3300
Eldorado 5-3300	Circle 7-7900
Laurelton 8-1076	

She also made long distance calls to C. VALADOZ at Laredo, Texas, and to Gloversville, New York, 458.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that VIRGINIA HILL had stayed at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, Park Avenue and 50th Street, New York City, on four different occasions, namely, from November 1 to November 2, 1940; November 13 to November 15, 1940; March 27 to April 1, 1941; and December 11 to

22, 1941. He stated that she takes an $18 a day suite and has always paid her bills in cash, asking for no credit. He stated that she made numerous long distance telephone calls and sent many telegrams. The following long distance telephone calls were made by VIRGINIA HILL while she stayed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel:

1. 3/31/41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
2. 3/31/41, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Kingsley 8851
3. 3/31/41, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Perry 2844, Mrs. MARA
4. 4/1/41, Marietta, Georgia, 1088
5. 4/1/41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
6. 4/1/41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
7. 4/1/41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100, Mr. RIDDLE
8. 4/1/42, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100
9. 4/1/42, Chicago, Illinois, Market 4150, Mr. RIDDLE
10. 12/11/41, Marietta, Georgia, 1088
11. 12/12/41, Indianapolis, Indiana, Mayker 630
12. 12/13/41, Mexico City, Mexico, M. R. SANDOZAL
13. 12/14/41, Marietta, Georgia, 1088
14. 12/15/41, Chicago, Illinois, Franklin 2100, FLEISCHMAN
15. 12/16/41, Los Angeles, California, Glad 8076
16. 12/17/41, Indianapolis, Indiana, Lincoln 6569
17. 12/20/41, Mexico City, Mexico, Cuautla 50, MARIE ROSA
18. 12/20/41, Mexico City, Mexico, MATA MORAS
19. 12/21/41, Chicago, Illinois, 4660, J. EPSTEIN

It is noted that many of these telephone calls were made to MAJOR RIDDLE in Chicago and one was made to J. EPSTEIN who is referred to in Los Angeles letter to New York Field Division dated July 11, 1942.

The following telegrams were sent by VIRGINIA HILL from the Hotel Waldorf Astoria:

1. 12/11/41 to Mexico City, Mexico
2. 12/11/41 to Chicago, Illinois
3. 12/16/41 to New York City
4. 12/18/41 to Mexico City, Mexico

The following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. VIRGINIA HILL originally came from Bessemer, Alabama, and has been married three times, her last husband being MIGUELITO VALDEZ. She owns a part of the HURRICANE NIGHT CLUB in New York City and spends a lot of time at this and other night clubs in New York with a notorious night club crowd. She was seen on Sunday, August 23, 1942 at the Stork Club, New York City, with Mrs. FRANK BUCK, and she was also observed on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel with MIGUELITO VALDEZ on Thursday, August 27, 1942. She seems to have a tremendous amount of money, incurs tremendous phone bills to all parts of the country, and is known to

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have given $200 and $300 tips to headwaiters in New York clubs. The source of her income seemed to be a mystery to those who are acquainted with her, one of these persons suggesting that she was being "kept by someone".

A teletype summary in this case was submitted to the Bureau August 25, 1942.

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

At Bessemer, Alabama:

Will conduct appropriate investigation to develop information concerning the background of HILL and if possible to ascertain the source of her income. It is noted that Bessemer was her home town.

The utmost discretion should be used in order that the Bureau's interest in VIRGINIA HILL not become known to her or anyone interested in her.

ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

At Marietta, Georgia:

Will conduct appropriate investigation to develop information concerning the background of VIRGINIA HILL and to ascertain the source of her income.

Will ascertain the subscriber to the telephone number 1088 Marietta, Georgia, to whom HILL has made numerous telephone calls.

Will contact the Marietta National Bank for any information they may have concerning VIRGINIA HILL. It is noted that the Marietta National Bank in a letter to the Essex House in New York City stated that they were acquainted with HILL and that she had handled Western Union drafts and Traveller's Checks through them. Complete information concerning these drafts and traveller's checks should be developed with a view to ascertaining HILL'S source of income.

The utmost discretion should be used in order that the Bureau's interest in VIRGINIA HILL not become known to her or anyone interested in her.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Beverly Hills, California:

Will contact the Bank of America to ascertain if VIRGINIA HILL has an account there possibly under the name of VIRGINIA D'ALGY or some other name. It is noted that she gave the Bank of America as a reference while staying at the Essex House, New York City; however, the Bank of America replied that they had no account entitled VIRGINIA HILL.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City:

Will through Special Service Contact continue to develop more information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, specifically to ascertain her present address in New York City and the source of her income.

Will ascertain the names of the subscribers to the telephone numbers listed in this report with a view to ascertaining if any of these numbers are banking institutions where further information can be developed as to HILL'S source of income.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in this report are as follows:

T-1 [redacted] Postal Telegraph Company, 151 Chambers Street, New York City.

T-2 [redacted] Irving Trust Company, 1 Wall Street, New York City.

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T-3 Dun and Bradstreet, 290 Broadway, New York City.

T-4 [redacted] Essex House, Central Park South, New York City.

T-5 [redacted] Hotel Waldorf Astoria, Park Avenue and 50th Street, New York City.

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Report made at	Date when made	Period for which made	Report made by
Chicago, Illinois	8/31/42	8/17-22,24/42	R. L. BLACKWELL RLB:MJ

Title	Character of case
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis:

No accounts at Merchandise National Bank for subjects JUAN ROMERO or SARA BERNER. No information as to SOLOMON. Cashier's checks in total amount $10,150.00 bought for cash by JOSEPH EPSTEIN and sent to HILL and ROMERO in California. EPSTEIN a "bookie" for Stern and Horwick, Chicago. MAJOR A. RIDDLE is known as millionaire in trucking game. RIDDLE and HILL had intimate relations at Sherman Hotel, Chicago, and at his penthouse in Chicago in 1941. Present relationship unknown. EPSTEIN calls HILL by long distance frequently. HILL'S mail and trunks handled through EPSTEIN'S address. Credit records negative.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Los Angeles Field Division to Chicago dated 7/11/42; letter from Los Angeles Field Division to Bureau dated 8/11/42.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

In accordance with instructions contained in a letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated July 11, 1942, the following investigation was conducted:

MR. RALPH GALTRA, Assistant Auditor, Merchandise National

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Bank, 222 W. North Bank Drive, advised that there are no accounts at this bank for the following persons: VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA D'ALGY, VIRGINIA DALGY, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, JUAN ROMERO or SARA BERNER. No information was available as to ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON. A complete check of the cashier's checks register of this bank from June 1, 1942 to the latter part of July 1942 revealed the following cashier's checks purchased by JOSEPH EPSTEIN (signed requisitions with name J. EPSTEIN) for cash in addition to those listed in the Los Angeles letter which were issued in April 1941, these also being purchased by J. EPSTEIN.

Payee	Other Endorsers	No.	Date	Bank Handling	Amount
V. Dalgy	none	C-17485	4/24/41	*	$500.00
V. Dalgy	"	C-17486	"	*	500.00
V. D'Algy	Beverly Hills Hotel	C-17622	4/25/41	*	400.00
"	none	C-17623	"	*	400.00
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61179	6/1/42	**	300.00
"	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-61596	6/4/42	***	200.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61597	6/4/42	***	100.00
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61679	6/5/42	**	400.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61680	"	**	100.00
M. Hill	Juan Romero	C-61887	6/8/42	**	300.00
V. Hill	" "	C-61889	"	**	200.00
M. Hill	" "	C-62874	6/16/42	**	200.00
V. Hill	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-62875	"	***	100.00
Juan Romero	none	C-63403	6/23/42	**	2200.00
M. Hill	Stg.Fr.Co.(illegible H. M. Powell Lillian Burgen	C-63404	"	****	50.00
M. Hill	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-63670	6/26/42	***	200.00
J. Romero	none	C-64303	7/2/42	**	2000.00
V. Hill	Miguelito Valdez (illegible)	C-65505	7/17/42	*****	100.00
"	"	C-65506	"	*****	100.00
"	"	C-65507	"	*****	100.00
"	Schwab's Pharmacy	C-65747	7/21/42	***	300.00
"	Miguelito Valdez (illegible)	C-65748	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65749	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65750	"	*****	300.00
"	"	C-65751	"	*****	300.00
"	Hotel Buckingham	C-65752	"	*****	200.00
		TOTAL			$10,150.00

Banks Handling:

* - Beverly Hills Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles, California.

** - Beverly Hills Branch, Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.

*** - Laurel Sunset Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles, Calif.

**** - First National Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.

***** - Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York, New York, N.Y.

****** - The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, New York, N.Y.

No address was shown on the requisitions for cashier's checks for J. EPSTEIN, and as a result MISS ELSIE MARTIN, draft teller, was instructed by MR. JOSEPH KAULAS, JR., Assistant Auditor, at agent's request, to have EPSTEIN place his address on the next requisition he prepared for a cashier's check. MR. KAULAS is to call this office the next time EPSTEIN purchases a cashier's check.

MR. FRED C. MESSENGER, Auditor and Comptroller of the Merchandise National Bank, reported that J. EPSTEIN is a bookie for Stern and Horwick, 10 N. Clark Street, and that he has been with this concern for several years and does all of the banking for the company. He also reported that MAJOR A. RIDDLE (MAJOR his first name and not a military title) began financing the Monark Motor Freight System, Inc. about 1939 or 1940.

MISS ELSIE MARTIN, draft teller, gave the following description of J. EPSTEIN:

Age	40
Height	5'5"
Weight	160
Build	medium
Complexion	dark
Hair	dark, curly
Eyes	color unknown
Glasses	wears very thick lens glasses
Features	big nose

MR. HARRY F. REUTLINGER, City Editor, Chicago Herald American, 326 W. Madison Street, allowed agent to examine all the newspaper files on MAJOR A. RIDDLE and VIRGINIA HILL.

A story of July 9, 1941 states that RIDDLE is a millionaire

truck line operator, being president of the Monark Motor Freight System, Inc., 2299 Lumber Street, Chicago. RIDDLE'S age was given as 32 in an article dated August 25, 1939.

VIRGINIA HILL appeared in a series of photographs on December 13, 1941 with the following captions underneath such photographs: "Hollywood's Newest Sensation"; "Four times thrill hunter Virginia Hill failed to crash Hollywood - then she threw a $7500 party at Ciro's - landed in the movies - and Milton Berle's arms." "Although screen stars like Mickey Rooney, the Marx brothers, and Ramon Hakim flock to her gala soirees, Virginia remained a mystery woman. Here in her act of 'the woman pays' she is greeting her guests at Countess Sonja's night club." "Her parties brought Virginia a screen test as a party giver in 'Ball of Fire' and orders were to shed fifteen pounds. Her fan mail exceeded that of the stars Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyk. Movie work interfered with her parties - so she gave up the movies." "In the picture she is described as age 24; weight 116; height, 5'4"; hair, brown." "Virginia's day begins at 4:00 P.M. and ends at 4:00 A.M. after the inevitable bistro high-jinks. Above she is at Ciro's with John Carroll. 'Ah love to give parties', she says with an Alabaman drawl. 'Spendin' is mah hobby. Ah pays the check and everybody is bound to be happy.' 'Ah married money' is her explanation of her golden cascade. Annulment and a fortune ended her first marriage to GEORGE BROWN of Alabama. Her second husband was OSSIE GRIFFITH, Alabama grid star; third, CARLOS VALDEZ, dancer - 'We split - ran out of new rhumbas'."

In an article in the Chicago Sun dated December 23, 1941, from Hollywood, HILL stated she was going to Chicago to join the Red Cross and that she planned to buy defense bonds with the $70,000 she spends annually in Broadway and Hollywood night spots.

In a story of July 27, 1941 by NATE GROSS, it is suggested that HILL hails from Marietta, Georgia and that she is playing around with JOHN CARROLL, MGM star. HILL rented CARROLL'S home in Beverly Hills about five years before this date. It is also stated she is backing the night club "The Hurricane" in New York City.

MR. REUTLINGER furnished the agent with a photograph of RIDDLE and HILL taken March 19, 1941 as they were coming out of a theatre in Chicago. This photograph is being retained in the Chicago Field Office.

There was no information on VIRGINIA D'ALGY or VIRGINIA DALGY in the files of the above newspaper.

MR. RAY WATSON, Assistant Manager, Sherman Hotel, 116 West Randolph Street, stated that RIDDLE was a guest at his hotel a great deal during the year 1941, but not in 1942. RIDDLE is known at the hotel as a millionaire playboy in the trucking game, and is well-known among the

employees since he is a big spender. HILL was here at various times but he never saw HILL and RIDDLE together. HILL spends a great deal of money too. RIDDLE never mentioned having a wife. RIDDLE'S good friend was JOHN GOTTLIEB, now a colonel in the Transportation Division of the Army, and is located at Washington, D. C. GOTTLIEB is the owner and operator of the Pioneer Trucking Company, Chicago, Illinois.

MR. HAROLD P. SCHWIND, credit manager, Sherman Hotel, stated there was a rumor in the hotel that HILL was RIDDLE'S girl friend, but that he knew no real evidence of it. He further stated RIDDLE'S company, the Monark Motor Freight System, Inc., burned down last winter and that RIDDLE was no longer connected with it. It was purchased by a MR. RISS of Riss and Company, 356 N. Halsted Street, Chicago.

While a guest at the hotel, RIDDLE drew checks on the Fidelity Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Marion County State Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana. MR. SCHWIND stated VIRGINIA HILL was registered at the hotel under the names of VIRGINIA HILL, Marietta, Georgia, and VIRGINIA HILLBURN, Chicago, Illinois, from March 5 to March 7, 1941, and under the name of VIRGINIA WATSON, Chicago, Illinois, from March 7 to April 9, 1941. The bills for all three names were charged to the account of MAJOR A. RIDDLE, who was registered at the hotel at the same time.

MR. WILLIAM D. HODGINS, Assistant Manager, Seneca Hotel, 200 E. Chestnut Street, stated that VIRGINIA HILL was registered at the hotel from January 3, 1942 to April 20, 1942, showing her home address on the registration card as 1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia. He could say nothing about her except that she paid her bills promptly and was a free spender. A man named EPSTEIN (first name unknown) came to see her every day and was apparently handling her business affairs. She left a forwarding address as the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. HODGINS never saw RIDDLE and never heard of him.

MR. BURTON SPAIN, bellboy at the Seneca Hotel, made substantially the same statements as MR. HODGINS, adding that HILL received a money order for from $100 to $300 each week from Marietta, Georgia, and that she had two brothers, one 16 and the other 18, here with her for a time. HILL ran around in cafe society and spent plenty, according to SPAIN.

MR. JOHN F. SCHLAUTERBACH, manager of the Seneca Hotel, stated he has heard that VIRGINIA HILL was at one time associated with a mobster but that he cannot recall where. It was just a rumor. A man named EPSTEIN made the reservation at the hotel for her. One brother called CHUCK was here with HILL all the time and another brother was with her for a short time. HILL was rarely seen with men at the hotel and SCHLAUTERBACH said he never heard of or saw RIDDLE. HILL was supposed to have come back to

Chicago in June and plans were made to receive her, but she never came. SCHLAUTERBACH said HILL spent a great deal of money.

MR. JERRY KAHLER, entertainer at the Seneca Hotel, stated he never saw VIRGINIA HILL with RIDDLE. She was very seldom with anyone except her brother CHUCK.

MRS. HELEN SERVISS, clerk at the Seneca Hotel, furnished the following long distance calls made by VIRGINIA HILL while she was at the Seneca Hotel:

1/15/42 - EPSTEIN called SAM WEINGER, Miami, Florida, from HILL'S apartment at 11:36 P.M.

3/3/41 - HILL called M. HILL, phone 336-R, Marietta, Georgia, at 8:20 P.M.

3/30/42 - HILL called Cicero 4038 at 6:52 P.M. (this number is unlisted for R. J. CAPPER, 1600 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, Ill.)

3/30/42 - HILL called Downers Grove 133-W at 10:15 P.M. (person having this telephone number will be ascertained by this office).

3/30/42 - HILL called Marietta, Georgia at 8:43 P.M.

4/6/42 - HILL called L.D. 120, person to person, Louisville, Kentucky at 1:53 P.M.

4/6/42 - HILL called Miguelito Valdez at Louisville, Kentucky at 4:14 A.M.

4/9/42 - A. MR. PRIGNANA called C. WALLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa. from HILL'S apartment at 12:24 A.M.

4/10/42 - HILL called person to person to telephone number Cherry 9798, Cleveland, Ohio at 1:04 P.M.

4/10/42 - HILL called M. VALDEZ at Prospect 6800, Cleveland, Ohio at 1:28 A.M. This same number was called again 4/12/42 at 2:50 A.M.

MRS. SERVISS also furnished agent with local telephone calls made by VIRGINIA HILL while at the Seneca Hotel. The listings on all these numbers will be ascertained by this office.

MR. CLIFFORD A. RAVENHILL, treasurer, Baird and Warner, Inc., 7 South Dearborn Street, stated that MAJOR A. RIDDLE moved into the penthouse apartment at 720 N. Wabash Avenue on April 1, 1941 and that his lease ran until April 30, 1942. RIDDLE'S application, which was on file, stated that he was in Indianapolis, Indiana from April 1939 until he took the above apartment, and that he was president of the Globe Trucking (or cartage) Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. He gave the address of 1300 Kentucky Avenue. He was also listed as being president of the Monark Motor Freight System, Chicago, Illinois. RIDDLE used his firm's bank account for personal finances, which account was at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana. The application also stated that he is now running, or has operated, the "Plantation Club", a night club at Moline, Illinois. He gave an Indianapolis address of 5930 Washington Boulevard and Indianapolis telephone numbers of Lincoln 6581 and Broadway 6811. The two men who lived with RIDDLE in this apartment were a MR. RISS and a MR. CONNOR (first names unknown). MR. RAVENHILL did not know whether any woman stayed with RIDDLE while he was at this apartment, but stated he never saw RIDDLE'S wife.

MRS. NELLIE STRICKLAND, present manager of the apartment building at 720 N. Wabash Avenue, stated she knew that RIDDLE had the penthouse here for a time but that she does not remember him, since she has been manager only since August 1, 1942.

MR. LARS NIELSEN, night elevator operator, 720 N. Wabash Ave., stated he knew RIDDLE when he lived here and that he had VIRGINIA HILL in his apartment many nights. NIELSEN recognized the photograph of HILL at once. NIELSEN stated RIDDLE had other women in the apartment also, but that he treated HILL with a differential air which he did not show to the other women. RIDDLE left here the last of November 1941 or the first of December 1941 and stated he was going to the North Woods to attend to some of his business interests there. NIELSEN said he saw in the paper about two months ago that RIDDLE had sold these interests in the North Woods.

RIDDLE came back to the apartment only once after he first left and then for only a short time one day, andhas not been seen about the place since. NIELSEN does not know where RIDDLE came from or where he went. RIDDLE sub-leased his apartment to several men when he left for the North Woods and they were in the apartment until some time in April 1942. NIELSEN stated RIDDLE was a great horse race man and believes he owns race horses.

MR. MALCOLM F. JAMES, Manager, St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, stated JOSEPH EPSTEIN has lived at his hotel for the past year but he has never seen VIRGINIA HILL. He stated, however, that EPSTEIN called VIRGINIA HILL this year three times each month in California, or Marietta, Georgia. Every two or three months trunks for HILL were de-

livered to EPSTEIN'S room. MR. JAMES said EPSTEIN has a safety deposit box at the hotel and every night he put an envelope in it and would take the envelope out before leaving each morning. There are only two keys to this safety deposit box and EPSTEIN has both of them in his possession. MR. JAMES does not know EPSTEIN'S business but has heard he is a shyster lawyer, and does not know what connection EPSTEIN has with HILL. MR. JAMES has never heard of RIDDLE. He said mail comes for VIRGINIA HILL at this address and is put in EPSTEIN'S mailbox. MR. JAMES was requested by agent to withhold the next letter which came for HILL and notify this office at once. He has also agreed to monitor long distance calls made by EPSTEIN. From the description given by MR. JAMES of EPSTEIN, it is quite apparent that he is the same person who purchased the cashier's checks listed earlier in this letter.

MR. HUGH BROWN, bell captain at the St. Clair Hotel, stated EPSTEIN went to New York City very often three or four months ago, but has not been lately. MR. BROWN displayed an express receipt for HILL'S trunk, which was delivered to EPSTEIN'S room and then shipped to Beverly Hills, California. The date of this express receipt was May 1, 1942 and the trunk was valued at $2000. MR. BROWN has never seen RIDDLE. He has seen HILL in EPSTEIN'S room but not while EPSTEIN was there.

A discreet search was made in EPSTEIN'S apartment by Agent Blackwell, and it was found that his kitchen was filled with horse racing forms (scratch sheets, takes, etc.). All luggage in the apartment was empty. There were several letters to VIRGINIA HILL kept ina large envelope in EPSTEIN'S desk, mostly from love sick men who had seen her pictures in the newspapers and magazines. There were several photographs of HILL in the apartment. There was one empty envelope addressed to VIRGINIA HILL at The Reforma Hotel, Mexico, D.F. There were several pairs of women's shoes in EPSTEIN'S bedroom. In a trunk were the bank statements for Stern and Horwick, 10 N. Clark Street, and all racing forms carried this company's letterhead. An envelope, a blank form with the company letterhead, and one of EPSTEIN'S calling cards were obtained and are being made a part of the file on this case. EPSTEIN'S calling card shows a phone number Delaware 1030, which is listed twice by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company - once for the Chicago Commutator and once for EDWIN L. SMEAGE, both addresses being given as 325 W. Huron St. This card also shows a telephone number LD. 136, the listing on which will be ascertained.

The following names were checked at Hill's Reports, Inc., 209 W. Jackson Blvd., with negative results: VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA D'ALGY, VIRGINIA DALGY, MAJOR A. RIDDLE, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, JOSEPH EPSTEIN, EDWIN L. SMEAGE, R. J. CAPPER.

Under date of August 18, 1942 the following teletype was

sent to the Los Angeles Field Division: "Interview NATE GROSS, columnist, Herald American, Chicago, at Town House, Los Angeles, California, for possible information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, MAJOR A. RIDDLE and others concerned. For GROSS' information HILL was playing around with JOHN CARROLL, movie actor, in Chicago in July 1941. This to help GROSS remember HILL."

The following teletype was sent to the New York Field Division under date of August 18, 1942: "For your information HILL backs The Hurricane night club in New York City, or did in July 1941. Source of information is column of NATE GROSS in Herald American newspaper, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 27, 1941."

File No. 46512 of the Chicago Police Department, 1121 S. State Street, contained a request from JOSEPH F. TAYLOR, Chief of Detectives, Los Angeles, California, dated February 1, 1937, and addressed to JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Chief of Detectives, asking for the criminal record, photograph and copy of the fingerprints of VIRGINIA HILL alias VIRGINIA EPSTEIN. HILL was described as female, 20 years of age, 5'5", 125 pounds, black hair. HILL was under suspicion in Los Angeles. The Chicago reply of February 3, 1937 stated that no record of the subject was found.

File No. 69303 of July 9, 1941 contained a report of a robbery in the penthouse flat of RIDDLE at 620 N. Wabash Avenue. The complainants were MAJOR RIDDLE and VIRGINIA HILL. The robbery occurred at about 4:00 A.M. on July 9, 1941 by two unknown men displaying pistols. The amount of $1500.00 in U. S. Currency was taken from RIDDLE, and one ring and two bracelets of a total value of $6000.00 were taken from HILL. When the robbers came in, RIDDLE and HILL were in bed together. The only suspect was one MORRIE MARGOLIS, whiskey salesman of an approximate address of $700 Harrison Street, but he was questioned with negatives results. RIDDLE failed to make any identification of group pictures shown him at the Detective Bureau. The statement was made that the investigation was being continued, but no further developments have been reported to date.

A check of the records of Local Draft Board 142, 200 E. Chestnut Street, revealed that JOSEPH EPSTEIN registered February 16, 1942. His questionnaire was mailed August 3, 1942 and returned August 12, 1942, showing an address of 4208 Jackson Blvd. His Social Security number is 355-10-3029. He is 40 years of age, being born December 10, 1901 at Minsk, Russia. He is a citizen of the United States and completed eight years of grammar school and four years of high school. He had one year of Business Administration at Medill College and two years of accounting with the LaSalle Extension University. He is an accountant with twenty

years of experience, and shows earnings of $3000.00 per year. He is at present employed by Stern and Horwick, Commission Brokers, 10 N. Clark Street, and has been there for the past ten years. EPSTEIN lists two dependents, ISADORE EPSTEIN, age 61, father, and ANNA EPSTEIN, age 61, mother. He has $2000.00 in defense bonds. The statement is made that he has never been convicted of a crime. EPSTEIN'S selective service occupational questionnaire was forwarded to him May 8, 1942 and returned May 15, 1942. His order number is 10399. This information was all furnished by MISS ELAINE HANTZIS, employee at the Local Board Office. A tracing of EPSTEIN'S signature was obtained and a note was left asking the Board to advise reporting agent if EPSTEIN is inducted into the Army any time soon.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will interview NATE GROSS, columnist for the Herald-American, Chicago, Illinois, at the Town House, for possible information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, MAJOR A. RIDDLE and others concerned. This verifies Chicago teletype of 8/18/42.

At Los Angeles, California, will contact Chief of Detectives for further information concerning letter from him to Chief of Detectives, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2/1/37, asking for criminal record, photograph and copy of fingerprints of VIRGINIA HILL, alias Virginia Epstein.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York, for your information HILL backed "The Hurricane", a night club in July 1941. Source of information is the column of NATE GROSS in the Herald-American newspaper, Chicago, Ill., dated 7/27/41. This verifies our teletype of 8/18/42.

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland, Ohio, will ascertain listing of telephone number Cherry 9798 which was called by HILL on 4/10/42 and that person's connection with HILL.

PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will ascertain identity of C. WALLEY and what connection, if any, he has with HILL. This person was called from HILL'S apartment by a MR. PRIGNANA on 4/9/42.

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At Louisville, Kentucky, will ascertain listing of telephone number L.D. 120 and that person's connection with HILL.

MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

At Miami, Florida, will ascertain background of SAM WEINGER, who was called from HILL'S apartment by EPSTEIN on 1/15/42, and his connection with HILL, if any.

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana, will make sufficient inquiry to determine

what, if any, is the present relationship existing between HILL and RIDDLE. Use utmost discretion in investigation.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will report any further developments in this district.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Chicago file #62-3114

Report made at	Date when made	Period for which made	Report made by
Chicago, Illinois	8/31/42	8/17-22,24/42	R. L. BLACKWELL RLB:MJ

Title	Character of case
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis:

No accounts at Merchandise National Bank for subjects JUAN ROMERO or SARA BERNER. No information as to SOLOMON. Cashier's checks in total amount $10,150.00 bought for cash by JOSEPH EPSTEIN and sent to HILL and ROMERO in California. EPSTEIN a "bookie" for Stern and Horwick, Chicago. MAJOR A. RIDDLE is known as millionaire in trucking game. RIDDLE and HILL had intimate relations at Sherman Hotel, Chicago, and at his penthouse in Chicago in 1941. Present relationship unknown. EPSTEIN calls HILL by long distance frequently. HILL'S mail and trunks handled through EPSTEIN'S address. Credit records negative.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-20-85 BY 9145 [illegible]

REFERENCE: Letter from Los Angeles Field Division to Chicago dated 7/11/42; letter from Los Angeles Field Division to Bureau dated 8/11/42.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

In accordance with instructions contained in a letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated July 11, 1942, the following investigation was conducted:

MR. RALPH GALTRA, Assistant Auditor, Merchandise National

Appr.& Fwd. SAC

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United States Department of Justice

ORIGIN: ~~CHICAGO, ILLINOIS~~ Los Angeles FILE NUMBER 62-377

Made at:	Date	Period	MADE BY
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	8/31/42	8/28,29/42	CARL C. PERIMAN CCP:GAJ

TITLE	CHARACTER
VIRGINIA HILL with aliases; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: MAJOR A. RIDDLE lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, practically all his life until past few years. His wife FRANCES and two daughters JANIE, 12 yrs. and NANCY, 8 yrs., reside 5930 Washington Blvd, Indpls. Ind. They are not divorced but merely living apart. RIDDLE recognized as a play boy with executive trucking ability, who has made large sums of money for a man his age. He is considered a plunger, a gambler, and spends money freely. Local bank officials state RIDDLE has always paid his loans, but he is believed to have lost much of his money in recent years. RIDDLE is presently interested in the Globe Cartage Company, 924 E. Ohio St., Indpls., Ind. He has other trucking interests, exact connection not known. RIDDLE believed to no longer be associated with VIRGINIA HILL. He had stated to friends she was chasing after him, but he did not care for her. RIDDLE now operating gambling place at Moline, Illinois. RIDDLE possibly associating with ADA LEONARD, strip tease dancer, Chicago, Illinois.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-20-85 BY 9145

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Reference: Letter to Director dated August 26, 1942, from the Chicago Field Office.

APPROVED J. M. Lopez SAC

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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

On August 28, 1942, Informant T-1 advised MAJOR A. RIDDLE had represented that he held financial interest in the Globe Cartage Company in the amount of $100,000.00, the Hancock Trucking Company, $20,000.00, and the Equipment Provider Corporation $10,000.00. Mr. RIDDLE had stated that his total assets were $93,000.00. Informant T-1 stated that this was only the figures as given by Mr. RIDDLE and by no means represented his actual worth. Informant T-1 was not personally acquainted with Mr. RIDDLE, knew nothing of his social activities and was unable to furnish any further information. He stated that no record was kept of checks at that bank.

Informant T-2 advised that he had known Mr. RIDDLE almost all of RIDDLE's life. He stated that when RIDDLE was about seventeen years of age he attempted to borrow $700.00 from the informant which was refused. Informant stated, however, that he soon learned that Mr. RIDDLE had purchased a string of dump trucks and was making large sums of money. Informant advised that Mr. RIDDLE was a plunger, a gambler and a person with untold energy and ideas. He stated that RIDDLE had cleared from $200,000 to $300,000 in some years. He said that RIDDLE's prosperity had come so fast and so easily that RIDDLE became associated with various types of gamblers and had lost large sums of money. At one time Mr. RIDDLE was a silent partner in a gambling house outside Indianapolis known as the Plantation Club. RIDDLE had also played the horse races, the bookies and various gambling devices. Informant T-2 advised that Mr. RIDDLE had always been open and frank with him in his activities, had borrowed large sums of money, but had always paid as agreed. He stated that Mr. RIDDLE had lost about $200,000 in the Monarch Trucking Company in Chicago, Illinois, and this loss had weakened his financial standing considerably. He said at the present time RIDDLE was operating a gambling house somewhere in Illinois.

With reference to Mr. RIDDLE'S activities and association with VIRGINIA HILL, informant T-2 advised that this was not a secret in that their pictures had appeared in the newspapers and WALTER WINCHELL had written a column about it. Informant T-2 stated that Mr. RIDDLE had advised him that he was no longer interested in VIRGINIA ILL; that she was chasing after him but he was attempting to avoid her. Informant T-2 stated that Mr. RIDDLE associated with various show girls and spent large sums of money freely. Informant T-2 stated that Mr. RIDDLE's wife, FRANCES and his two daughters were living at 5930 Washington Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana. Informant advised that they became estranged during the association that RIDDLE had with VIRGINIA HILL. Informant T-2 stated that he considered

RIDDLE patriotic and loyal to the country, but his associations had been rather questionable in that most of them had been gamblers of the race horse and bookie type. It was Informant T-2's opinion that Mr. RIDDLE was at this time playing around with a woman named ADA LEONARD, a strip tease dancer in Chicago, Illinois.

Informant T-3 advised that he was not personally acquainted with RIDDLE, but it was his understanding that RIDDLE was a play boy with considerable executive ability in the trucking business. Informant stated that he had understood that RIDDLE spent money very freely and was not considered in financial circles as being a reliable risk.

Informant T-4 stated that he had loaned Mr. RIDDLE as high as $25,000 unsecured knowing that he was a gambler, played around with women and was exceedingly reckless in financial matters. He stated that RIDDLE had always paid as agreed. He was unable to furnish any information relatime to Mr. RIDDLE'S association with VIRGINIA HILL or any of RIDDLE's social activities.

Informant T-5 advised that the records in his office reflected that RIDDLE's father died in June, 1937, and left a successful trucking business to RIDDLE. Informant further advised that Mr. RIDDLE was listed as having an interest in the Universal Car Loading and Distributing Company Chicago, Illinois, and the Hanock Trucking Line, Indianapolis, Indiana. The record further reflected that Mr. RIDDLE had at one time been interested in the Plantation Club, a gambling house near Indianapolis.

Informant T-5 advised that inquiry had been received relative to Mr. RIDDLE's activities in a night club at this time, date and place unknown by those making the inquiry.

Informant T-6 advised that he had known Mr. RIDDLE's wife as a girl and most of his knowledge concerning Mr. RIDDLE was through her. He stated that Mrs. RIDDLE was presently living alone with the two children JANIE 12 years and NANCY, eight years, at 5930 Washington Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana. Informant T-6 stated that Mrs. RIDDLE frequently visited in their home and she had discussed at various times the association of Mr. RIDDLE with VIRGINIA HILL. Mrs. RIDDLE had advised that her husband would visit her and the children occasionally, and stated that he had left Chicago because of not wanting to be bothered with VIRGINIA HILL.

Informant T-6 advised that on one occasion he attended a party at the Varsity Club in Indianapolis with Mr. and Mrs. RIDDLE and Mr. RIDDLE would always pay the checks for the drinks with $20.00 bills. Informant

stated that RIDDLE was exceedingly mercenary and had openly stated he only associated with people that would make him money. Informant stated that he had seen a picture that had been published in some newspaper in which VIRGINIA HILL had her arms around Mr. RIDDLE. He stated that they had received considerable publicity concerning a possible marriage about a year ago, but it was informant's information from Mrs. RIDDLE that this affair had cooled considerably.

A review of the file in the Indianapolis Field Office reflects that Informant T-6 on April 17, 1942, had reported Mr. RIDDLE as possibly not having registered for the Selective Service and Training act of 1940. The file discloses, however, that Mr. RIDDLE had registered with Selective Service Board #12, 1809 E. 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Informant T-7 advised Special Agent BLISS MORTON that the telephone number LINCOLN 6581 was no longer in use but it had previously been listed to the Globe Cartage Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. It is to be noted that telephone number, Broadway 6811 is the home telephone of Mrs. FRANCES RIDDLE, 5930 Washington Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The 1942 Indianapolis City Directory reflects that Major A. RIDDLE is president and Treasurer of the Globe Cartage Company, 924 E. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. SUSAN A. RIDDLE (Widow CHARLES L.) was listed as Vice President. She is the mother of MAJOR RIDDLE. Mrs. FRANCES RIDDLE is listed as the secretary of this company.

It is to be noted that all of the informants in instant case only knew RIDDLE in a general way and none of them could furnish any specific information at this time concerning his social activities and particularly his association with VIRGINIA HILL. All of the informants stated that the information they had given was hearsay with the exception of Informant T-2 who advised that his information had come from Mr. RIDDLE himself.

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INFORMANTS

Informant T-1: [redacted] Fidelity Trust Co. Indianapolis, Indiana

Informant T-2: [redacted] He is presently [redacted] of the Fidelity Trust Company, both Indianapolis, Indiana. It is to be noted that Fidelity Trust Company absorbed the interest of the Marion County State Bank.

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Informant T-3: [redacted] Indiana National Bank Indianapolis, Indiana

Informant T-4: [redacted] Merchants National Bank Indianapolis, Indiana

Informant T-5: [redacted] Merchants Association, Indianapolis, Indiana

Informant T-6: [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana

Informant T-7: [redacted] Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Indpls. Ind.

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URGENT. VIRGINIA HILL, ALIAS VIRGINIA D'ARCY, ARTHUR CECIL SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. INVESTIGATION AT POST OFFICE, WESTERN UNION, POSTAL TELEGRAPH, RAILWAY EXPRESS AND BANKS MARIETTA, GEORGIA NEGATIVE AS TO SUMS OF MONEY FROM ONE HUNDRED TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS SENT WEEKLY TO VIRGINIA HILL FROM JANUARY THIRD, FORTYTWO TO APRIL TWENTIETH, FORTYTWO FROM MARIETTA, GEORGIA TO SENECA HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY WERE SENT PERIODICALLY TO VIRGINIA HILL, MARGARET HILL, BILL HILL, AND CHARLEY HILL AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA, VIA WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER. THE MANAGER OF WESTERN UNION, MARIETTA, OF OPINION THAT THEATRICAL AGENT OF VIRGINIA HILL IN CHICAGO KNOWN TO HIM AS EPSTEIN IS SOURCE OF SOME OR THIS MONEY. ALSO SOME MONEY ORDERS SAID TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN HOLLYWOOD. HE ADVISES THAT MOST MONEY ORDERS OF VIRGINIA HILL RECEIVED FROM THIRTYNINE THROUGH SEPTEMBER, FORTYONE. SHE DOES NOT RECALL ANY SINCE THAT TIME. EFFORT IS PRESENTLY BEING MADE BY THIS OFFICE TO DETERMINE DEFINITE SOURCE OF MONEY ORDERS MENTIONED ABOVE. CREDIT RECORD OF THE PEOPLES LOAN FINANCE CORPORATION, MARIETTA, GEORGIA LISTS VIRGINIA HILLS EMPLOYMENT AS ACTRESS FOR JUAN ROGERS AND HALE AND HER ACCOUNTS SHOW THAT FROM NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY TO JANUARY FORTYONE, SHE PAID THIS FINANCE COMPANY APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ON AUTOMOBILES. SUBJECT HILLS MOTHER KNOWN BY CHIEF OF POLICE, MARIETTA, FOR PAST FIVE YEARS, REPORTEDTO BE EMPLOYED AS MILL HAND AT LOCAL HOSIERY MILL AND BEARS GOOD REPUTATION. BROTHERS DESCRIBED AS IRRESPONSIBLE BUT NO KNOWN CRIMINAL RECORD. VIRGINIA HILL SAID TO HAVE VISITED MARIETTA FOUR OR FIVE TIMES AND TO HAVE SPENT MONEY LAVISHLY WHILE THERE. SHE HAS NO BANK ACCOUNT IN MARIETTA. VIRGINIA HILLS MOTHER HAD BALANCE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MARIETTA, DECEMBER, FORTYONE. NO DEPOSITS SINCE THAT TIME AND PRESENT BALANCE FORTY CENTS. SUBJECTS MOTHER SAID TO HAVE A SISTER, MRS. CLODAN, WHO OPERATES A SEWING ROOM IN MARIETTA.
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias
Virginia D'Algy;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your teletype of August 27, 1942 your attention is respectfully directed to my letter of August 25, 1942, setting forth the results of the most recent investigation in this office. You will note that in the third paragraph on page three it was pointed out that HILL had not, according to the information available, returned to this city and that as soon as she does appropriate investigation will be conducted to further determine her activities. To date she has still not returned. ~~DEFERRED RECORD~~

There is no additional information available with reference to her at the present time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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PITTSBURGH, PA.	9-1-42	8-29,31-42	E. J. ROSE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Unable to establish identity of C. WALLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was called from VIRGINIA HILL'S apartment 4-9-42 by Mr. PRIGNANA. City and telephone directories, telephone company, credit bureau, and police departments unproductive.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago, Ill., to the Director dated 8-26-42.
Bureau teletype dated 8-27-42.

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

A search of the Pittsburgh telephone directory showed the listing of only one person named WALLEY: H. DONALD WALLEY, engaged in the insurance business at 722 East Diamond St., North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., with residence at 62 Dinsmore Ave., Crafton, Pa. An examination of the city directory showed in addition to H. DONALD WALLEY a person named CHARLES WALLEY, 330 South Negley Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., giving his occupation as delivery man for Ivory Linen Service.

A cross reference in the city directory indicated that 330 South Negley Avenue is the residence of ANDREW E. IVORY.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW E. IVORY stated upon interview that they knew CHARLES WALLEY who was a distant relative of theirs and who is employed as a delivery man and chauffeur for the Ivory Linen Service Co. in the Jenkins Arcade Building, which company had previously belonged to Mr. IVORY;

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that CHARLES WALLEY is a married man with three children; that although he stays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. IVORY during the week, he resides with his wife and family in the country at a place known as Queenstown, Pa., over the weekends. At the time of this interview Mr. WALLEY was not in Pittsburgh. The IVORYS stated that as far as they knew CHARLES WALLEY did not receive any telephone calls from Chicago and that he has no relatives or friends in Chicago, Georgia, or on the West Coast. The names of the subjects and associates were mentioned but these made no impression.

H. DONALD WALLEY stated upon interview that he has no sons or relatives named C. WALLEY and that he was not the recipient of a telephone call from Chicago on April 9, 1942; that he has no knowledge of any of the subjects and associates mentioned in this case; that the only other person by the name of WALLEY known to him is a W. CLARENCE WALLEY, Mayor of the city of New Kensington, Pa., who is also in the insurance business trading under the name of GUINEY and WALLEY. However, he was unable to state anything about this man's personal acquaintances or associates.

CHARLES WALLEY was interviewed upon his return to Pittsburgh at the Jenkins Arcade, Pittsburgh, Pa., and he advised that he knows none of the persons mentioned in this inquiry and did not receive any telephone call from Chicago; that he knows no one in Georgia, Chicago, or Los Angeles, and that as far as he knows there are no other persons in the city of Pittsburgh who bear the same name as his own.

No information helpful in this case could be obtained from the Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Police Departments or the Credit Bureau in the city of Pittsburgh.

A confidential inquiry was made from a like source in the Bell Telephone Co. but no information was available relative to any listed or unlisted telephones to one C. WALLEY.

In view of the meagre information concerning the telephone call made on April 9, 1942 to a C. WALLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa., and in the absence of any telephone number called, no further investigation is being conducted. Further, since New Kensington, Pa., is twenty-two miles east of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Mayor of that city, W. CLARENCE WALLEY, is not being contacted unless advised by the Bureau to the contrary.

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VIRGINIA HILL, WA, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. RELET FROM CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY SIX LAST. TELEPHONE NUMBER CHERRY NINE SEVEN NINE EIGHT LISTED TOPAY STATION LOCATED KEITH PALACE, STAGEENTRACE. TELEPHONE NUMBER PROSPECT SIX EIGHT HUNDRED LISTED TO STATLER HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO. XAVIER CUGAT ON STAGE, KEITH PALACE THEATER APRIL TEN LAST TO APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. MIGUELITO VALDES, FEATURED SINGER WITH CUGAT AT THAT TIME AND REGISTERED STATLER HOTEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST TO APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST. TELEPHONE CALL TO CHERRY NINE SEVEN NINE EIGHT PROBABLY MADE TO VALDEZ. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY LOS ANGELES WILL BE CONSIDERED OFFICE OF ORIGIN. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN FORTY TWO.

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TRIP. VIRGINIA HILL, WITH ALIASES, ET AL, INFORMATION CONCERNING. REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN. PLEASE REFERE TO LETTER OF THIS OFFICE AUGUST TWENTY FIVE ADVISING SUBJECT NOT ~~RXXX~~ PRESENTLY LOCATED ~~THSXXX~~ THIS CITY. INVESTIGAION WILL CONTINUE UPON HER RETURN.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
MIAMI, FLORIDA	9/4/42	9/4/42	JOHN E. FREESE HMP

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Phone and City Directory, Credit and Police Records at Miami and Miami Beach checked for SAM WEINGER with negative results. Probably temporary hotel guest.

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REFERENCE: Chicago letter to Bureau dated August 26, 1942.

DETAILS: The 1941 and 1942 City Directories and Telephone Directories for Miami and Miami Beach, Florida, were checked for the name of SAM WEINGER with negative results.

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Miss PAULINE MCNABB, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Miami, Incorporated, Postal Building, advised that she had no record of SAM WEINGER.

The following likewise advised that they had no record of SAM WEINGER: EARL L. ADAMS, Clerk, Bureau of Identification, Miami Beach Police Department; HOWARD L. QUIGG, JR., Clerk, Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department; C. B. ROBBINS, Deputy Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Dade County; and FRANK L. CORRELL, Deputy Clerk, City Clerk's Office, Miami, Florida.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA	9/4/42	8/8,21,27,29, 31; 9/3/42	J. D. KEEFE GG

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
Changed; VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, "Cot"; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Post Office, Western Union, Postal Telegraph, Railway Express and Banks at Marietta, Ga. negative as to sums of money from $100 to $300 sent weekly to VIRGINIA HILL from 1/3/42 to 4/20/42 from Marietta, Ga. to Seneca Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Indications are that large amounts of money were sent periodically to VIRGINIA HILL, MARGARET HILL, BILL HILL and CHARLIE HILL at Marietta, Ga. via Western Union Money Order. These Western Union Money Orders are said to have come from Chicago, Ill. and Hollywood, Calif. from 1939 to September, 1941. Subject HILL paid approximately $2400 on automobiles from November, 1940, to January, 1942.

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REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau, dated August 26, 1942, from Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Ill. Report of Special Agent J. S. STEWART, dated August 29, 1942, at New York City.

DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed to include the alias "COT" which investigation disclosed as nickname for subject HILL.

AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA:

W. E. SCHILLING, Postmaster, United States Post Office, advised that he did not recall any request for money orders in amounts from $100 to $300 sent weekly to VIRGINIA HILL from January 3, 1942 to April 20, 1942 from Marietta, Georgia to Seneca Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. SCHILLING stated

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that subject HILL was well known in Marietta and if money orders were sent from Marietta to her that it would be brought to his attention. Mr. SCHILLING made available his money order receipts and a spot check was made for money orders sent from Marietta, Georgia to Chicago, Illinois over the period from January 3, 1942, to April 20, 1942.

The Manager of the Postal Telegraph Station at the Greyhound Bus Terminal advised that all the money order business was handled by Western Union from Marietta and that his office did not accept money orders.

E. L. ROBERTSON, Agent for Railway Express, advised that, though he recalled subject HILL, he had never received or sent any money orders for her.

J. E. MASSEY, President of the First National Bank, Marietta, Georgia, stated that he recalled the publicity given subject HILL in Marietta when she visited there sometime ago; however, he stated that at no time had money orders been sent from his bank in the amount of $100 to $300 to subject HILL or, for that matter, in any amount. Mr. MASSEY did recall subject HILL's receiving a sight draft in the amount of $850.00 on October 14, 1940. Mr. MASSEY stated that the sight draft was given by subject HILL to the People's Loan and Finance Corporation, Marietta, Georgia, as part payment on an automobile and the draft was deposited in his bank. Mr. MASSEY further advised that he wired the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois to check the validity of the draft, inasmuch as the original draft was made out to that bank. On the same day the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, wired the First National Bank at Marietta, Georgia and advised that the draft for $850 was paid on that date and that pursuant to instructions from the First National Bank, Marietta were remitting the sum of $850 to an un-named New York Bank, inasmuch as the First National Bank requested that this money be remitted by New York Exchange. A carbon copy of receipt of instant draft was furnished by Mr. Massey. This receipt, #24695, Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, reflected under date of October 14, 1940 the following:

> Amount - $850; due on demand; date of item - 10-10; Documents - "Our C/C #A 94424 to A. JORDAN". Receipt stamped "Paid" on Oct. 14, 1940.

The copy of this receipt is being retained in the files of the Atlanta Field Division.

Mr. MASSEY advised that apart from savings accounts at his bank for subject HILL's mother, MARGARET HILL, which on December 12, 1942, had a balance of $200 and as of August 21, 1942, had a balance of 40¢, and the savings account of

CHARLIE HILL who had at various times a balance of $25 to $30 and which is now closed out, that there is no record of subject HILL or her family having nay business with his bank.

W. C. PATTERSON, Cobb Exchange Bank, advised that he had no record of any transactions with subject HILL or any member of her family and that no money orders in the amount of $100 to $300 were forwarded to Virginia Hill or VIRGINIA D'ALGY.

Confidential Informant T-1, Western Union Office, advised that subject HILL and her family had caused considerable talk about Marietta due to subject HILL's extravagance in Marietta. This informant advised that MARGARET HILL, subject HILL's mother, was originally from Marietta, Georgia and that she had always lived in very moderate circumstances and was employed at FRED CLARK's Hosiery Mill, Marietta. This informant further advised that subject HILL has an aunt by the name of Mrs. CLACKUM, who operates a sewing room in Marietta. He further advised that although subject HILL and her family had received money orders by way of Western Union in large amounts, frequently from 1939 through September, 1941, that he did not recall any money orders having been sent to subject HILL from January 3, 1942 to April 20, 1942. Informant stated further that since September of 1941 there had been no money orders received at his office for subject or her family that had come to his attention. He advised that the money orders received by subject HILL and her family were for the rost part from either Chicago, Illinois or Hollywood, California and that he recalled that a number of them were signed by EPSTEIN. This informant said that he believed that EPSTEIN was subject HILL's theatrical agent.

This informant stated that subject HILL during the fall of 1940 had purchased several new Buick automobiles in Marietta from ALLEN BROWN, who operates the ALLEN BROWN AUTOMOBILE COMPANY, and that ALLEN BROWN would be able to furnish some information as to subject HILL's activities in Marietta.

ALLEN BROWN at ALLEN BROWN's AUTOMOBILE CO., advised that subject HILL had come to his sales room in October of 1940 and purchased on October 14, 1940, a #51 model Buick Super Sedan. (This car hereinafter being designated as Car #1). The list price of instant automobile was $1,399.90 of which subject HILL paid $850.00 by draft and had the remainder financed by the People's Loan and Finance Corporation.

On December 23, 1940, subject HILL traded car #1 for a 1941 Convertible Buick Coupe and had the difference financed by the People's Loan and Finance Corporation.

On June 30, 1941, subject HILL traded a 1940 Plymouth Sedan for a new Buick Convertible Paheton and at this time subject HILL sold car #2 to "Red" CLACKUM, who is an uncle of subject HILL. This Buick, which is being designated as car #3, was also financed by the People's Loan and Finance Corporation.

ALLEN BROWN advised that subject HILL had her brothers CHARLIE and BILL HILL with her in Chicago about December of 1940 through January of 1941 and while there subject HILL wrote him a letter requesting that ALLEN BROWN send the tag slip changing bona fide purchase of car #2 to BURNESTO RICARDO, 15 E. Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. This letter was signed "COT" and had the Hotel Berkshire, Chicago, Illinois, stamped on it as a letterhead. Mr. BROWN advised that "COT" was a nickname for subject HILL. Mr. BROWN further advised that in September of 1941 subject HILL paid him $500.00 for the purchase of a new 1942 Buick Convertible Coupe, list price $2100. He stated that in January of 1942 subject HILL wrote him a letter and requested that the $500 she had paid on instant car be returned to her, inasmuch as she stated she was very sick and needed the money. Mr. BROWN advised that he gave this money to MARGARET HILL, mother of subject HILL and that she returned it to subject HILL.

J. R. FOWLER, JR., People's Loan and Finance Corporation, Box 360, Marietta, made available the account of subject HILL with his company which reflected under date of October 14, 1940, a contract for the purchase of car #1 for $1,399.90 of which $850.00 was paid by draft and the remainder paid in an installment of $200.00 November 12, 1940. This account was paid out January 2, 1941, with an installment of $438.49.

The following installments were made in payment for the purchase of car #2:

January 6, 1941	$300.00
January 20, 1941	110.00
January 24, 1941	400.00
February 19, 1941	150.00

The following installments were made for the purchase of car #3, which transaction was made June 30, 1941:

July 7, 1941	$300.00
August 8, 1941	100.00
October 23, 1941	200.00
January 21, 1942	658.00
January 21, 1942	5.69

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Mr. FOWLER advised that in her application for credit with his company subject HILL prepared a statement which reflected her address as 703 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Georgia. Her profession was listed as Actress, employed by JUAN ROMERO and HALE. For references subject HILL gave Drennen Motor Company, Bessemer, Alabama, and Brumby Fur Company, Marietta, Georgia. Mr. FOWLER advised that subject HILL's accounts were presently paid out. He said that payments on installments as contained above were made in cash by either subject HILL ors some member of her family.

Pursuant to letter dated August 26, 1942, to the Director from Special Agent in Charge A. H. JOHNSON, Chicago, Illinois, advising that a check of the purchase of Cashier's Checks by JOSEPH EPSTEIN at the Merchandise National Bank, 222 N. North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois, reflected the purchase of a Cashier's check at that bank by M. HILL with endorsee Stg. Fr. Co. (illegible), H. M. POWELL, and LILLIAN DURGEN, #C-63404, dated June 23, 1942, in the amount of $50.00, handled by the First National Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, the writer contacted Mr. PURSLEY who advised that it would be necessary to check all Recordak photographs of checks received from June 23, 1942, for a period of several weeks, inasmuch as there is no specific date given for this Cashier's Check having cleared at the First National Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. PURSLEY advised that he would notify this office as soon as information as to this Cashier's Check was available.

A check was made at the Marietta Exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and it was ascertained that telephone #1088 was formerly assigned to Mrs. MARGARET HILL , but that this phone was disconnected February 21, 1942. It should be noted that Mrs. MARGARET HILL is subject HILL's mother.

In view of the nature of the Western Union Money Orders received by subject HILL and her family in Marietta, effort is presently being made to determine the exact source of these money orders.

Acting Chief of Police J. H. COUCH, Marietta, advised that he has known subject's mother, Mrs. MARGARET HILL, and her brothers for the past five years and that subject on visiting Marietta always made a display of her extravagance, Mr. COUCH said that subject's mother, MARGARET HILL, had a good reputation in the community, but that subject HILL's brothers CHARLIE and BILLY HILL, were regarded as irresponsible.

A contract signed by subject VIRGINIA HILL with her signature is being maintained in the files of the Atlanta Field Division.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION, at Atlanta, Georgia, will report the source of money orders received by subject HILL and her family in Marietta, Georgia, from 1939 to September, 1941.

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Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] of the Western Union Office, Marietta, Georgia. b7D

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA — CHICAGO FILE NO. 60-3114

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	9/8/42	9/8/42	R. L. BLACKWELL RLB:UH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EPSTEIN forwarded Cashier's checks to HILL in total amount of $800 August 1 to date. No long distance calls EPSTEIN to HILL since August 20, and no mail delivered to EPSTEIN for HILL. EPSTEIN in love with HILL. No relation between HILL and RIDDLE for sometime. HILL now in love with MIGUELITO VALDEZ. ROMERO "queer".

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Letter from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Chicago Field Division dated July 11, 1942.

Letter from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Director dated August 11, 1942.

Letter from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Director dated August 25, 1942.

DETAILS: MR. FRED C. MESSENGER, Auditor and Comptroller, Merchandise National Bank, 222 West North Bank Drive, advised that the following cashier's checks were purchased for cash by JOSEPH EPSTEIN from August 1, 1942 to date:

Payee	Other Endorsers	Number	Date	Bank Handling	Amount
M. HILL	MIGUELITO VALDEZ	C-67385	8/11/42	Chemical Bank & Trust Co. New York, N.Y.	$100.00
M. HILL	JUAN ROMERO	C-67386	8/11/42	Security-1st Natl. Bank (Beverly Hills Branch) Los Angeles, Calif.	$100.00

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Payee	Other Endorsers	Number	Date	Bank Handling	Amount
V. HILL	MIGUELITO VALDEZ	C-67559	8/13/42	Chemical Bank & Trust Co. New York, N.Y.	$300.00
V. HILL	MARY GOLDSTEIN	C-67560	8/13/42	Corn Exchange Bk.Trust Co. 55th St. Branch New York, N.Y.	200.00
V. HILL	Not cleared	C-69457	9/4/42	Not cleared	100.00
					$ 800.00

MR. MALCOLM F. JAMES, Manager of the St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio St., the residence of JOSEPH EPSTEIN, advised that EPSTEIN has made no long distance calls since the original contact with him on August 20, 1942 and no mail has come to the Hotel for VIRGINIA HILL. A photograph of one ROBERT ROSENBERG, alias JOSEPH EPSTEIN, was secured from the Chicago Police Department, the photograph being made August 21, 1934 at the time of an arrest in Louisville, Kentucky.

This photograph was shown to MR. JAMES but he stated that the person was not the JOSEPH EPSTEIN who resides at his Hotel.

MR. NATE GROSS who writes the "Town Tattler" Column for the Chicago Herald American, 326 West Madison St., stated that JOSEPH EPSTEIN is in love with VIRGINIA HILL as he had previously stated to Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL of the Los Angeles Field Division. He further stated that there has been no relation between VIRGINIA HILL and Major A. RIDDLE for a long time and believes that HILL is now in love with MIGUELITO VALDEZ, a Cuban singer, formerly with XAVIER CUGAT's Band. HILL once gave a "coming out" party for JUAN ROMERO in Los Angeles. ROMERO is "queer" for the boys.

Other interested Field offices will note that Los Angeles is the office of origin and not Chicago.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

FISH. VIRGINIA HILL, WAS, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON INFORMATION CONCERNING FOR YOUR INFORMATION, HILL WAS AT SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK LAST NIGHT AND IS PROBABLY REGISTERED THERE. EPSTEIN CALLED HER FROM CHICAGO EIGHTH INSTANT.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Cleveland, Ohio	9-9-42	9-1,2/42	JOHN D. STEWART SMR

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases, Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cleveland telephone number Cherry 9798 is pay station located at stage entrance, Keith Palace Theatre. Number Prospect 6800 is Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Unable to positively identify individual called on Cherry 9798 by HILL on 4-10-42. However, XAVIER CUGAT, orchestra on stage, Keith Palace 4-10-42 to 4-16-42. MIGUELITO VALDES featured singer for CUGAT registered Statler Hotel 4-11-42 to 4-17-42, and was on stage Keith Palace on 4-10-42.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago to the Bureau dated August 26, 1942.
Teletype from the Bureau to Cleveland dated 8-27-42.
Teletype from Cleveland to the Bureau dated 9-2-42.
Report of Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL, dated 8-31-42 at Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. DOWD.

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that telephone number Cherry 9798 was listed to a pay station located in the Keith Palace Theatre at the stage entrance, and that this telephone has been at this location since October 28, 1922. There was no information available as to any long distance calls coming to this number.

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

T-1 advised that XAVIER CUGAT, his orchestra and a review were on the stage at the Keith Palace Theatre from 4-10-42 to 4-16-42 inclusive. T-1 furnished a list of the members of the orchestra, which list was obtained from his records kept for the purpose of social security. This list is as follows:

XAVIER CUGAT
RAY GONZALEZ
EDDIE ASHERMAN
BILLY HOBBS
RUBY MOSS
MAX NADELL
ALBERT CALDERONE
RAUL SOLER
ISMAEL MORALES
GEORGE LOPEZ
HORACIO ZITO
NOAH LANDBERG
ANTONIO LOPEZ
CHARLES EVANS
ANGELO SANTOS
WILLIAM EDWARD WADE
WALTER SHAVER

In addition T-1 furnished the writer with a copy of a handbill printed for the purpose of advertising the Xavier Cugat review. This handbill reflected that the Xavier Cugat Orchestra featured MIGUELITO VALDES, CARMEN CASTILLO, and LINA ROMAY. In addition ALAN CARNEY, a character comedian; JEAN-JACK-and JUDY, co-ed comedy antics; and the KEN CHRISTIE CHOIR, were on the same program, however, he was unable to furnish the correct names of these individuals or any more complete details, due to the fact that they kept no record of these individuals.

It is noted that in the reference letter from Chicago to the Bureau, as well as reference report , HILL called one MIGUELITO VALDEZ at Louisville, Kentucky on 4-6-42, and that in addition on 4-10-42 and 4-12-42 she called one M. VALDEZ at Prospect 6800, Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as it is possible that this individual is identical with the MIGUELITO VALDES featured singer with XAVIER CUGAT, the writer questioned T-1 as to his knowledge of this individual. He stated that as he recalled VALDES stayed at the Statler Hotel during this period in Cleveland , and he had a reputation as being quite a "wolf" with the women. He could furnish no information relative to his associates or connections outside of Cleveland but he had heard one or two stories to the effect that VALDES had run around

with several women in Cleveland. He also advised that he had heard that since leaving Cleveland VALDES and CUGAT had had a misunderstanding and that one of them was suing the other in New York City. He could furnish no information as to the whereabouts or present occupation of VALDES, but he was of the opinion that VALDES was not with CUGAT's orchestra at the present time.

T-2 advised that telephone Prospect 6800 is listed to the Statler Hotel. He further advised that MIGUELITO VALDES had checked in at the Statler Hotel at 1:17 A.M. on 4-11-42 and had remained until 4-17-42. During this time he made two long distance telephone calls, one on 4-11-42 which was a station to station call to Superior 2380, Chicago,Illinois. On 4-17-42, he called one KAHAMAN, at AR or OR 0281, Chicago,Illinois. The charges on this call were reversed. No other information was available from that source.

CHARLES A. HADLEY, 1352 W. 59th Street, stage door man, at the Keith Palace Theatre, could furnish no information as to any telephone calls coming in to Cherry 9798 during the pertinent period, however, he did advise that he recalled an incident that he believed occurred during the period in which XAVIER CUGAT was on the stage, in which a long distance call came for a member of the Cugat Band, name unknown, who was in New York City at the time.

A teletype summary of the above information was furnished the Bureau on 9-2-42.

Inasmuch as the Cleveland Field Division does not have complete information on this case, no lead is being set out to definitely ascertain the connection between HILL and MIGUELITO VALDES, but this is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS:

T-1 [redacted] R.K.O. Theatres including Keith's Palace Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio b7D

T-2 [redacted] Statler Hotel Cleveland, Ohio

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United States Department of Justice

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Louisville, Kentucky

September 14, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases;
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON;
INFORMATION CONCERNING
62-68739 CPB

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 31, 1942, in the above entitled case in which Los Angeles is the office of origin.

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In the above report a lead was set out for the Louisville Field Division to ascertain the listing of telephone number Long Distance 120 at Louisville, Kentucky, and to determine the owner's connection with subject HILL. This matter has been covered by the Louisville Office and reported in the R.U.C. report of Special Agent GERALD B. CRAWFORD, Louisville, Kentucky, September 1, 1942.

Therefore, no further action is being taken in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Herbert K. Moss

HERBERT K. MOSS
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	9/18/42	9/9/42	ROBERT L. BLACKWELL RLB:JR

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JOSEPH EPSTEIN called September 8, 1942, VIRGINIA HILL, long distance, at Savoy-Plaza, New York City.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Los Angeles Field Division to Chicago dated July 11, 1942.
Letter from Los Angeles to the Bureau dated August 11, 1942.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Under date of September 9, 1942, MR. MALCOLM JAMES, Manager of the St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, called this office and stated that JOSEPH EPSTEIN called her long distance last night at the Savoy Plaza, New York City. In the conversation HILL stated that she wanted some money and when EPSTEIN asked the reason, she replied that she wanted to buy a diamond ring.

The above information was sent by teletype to the Bureau and to the New York Field Division under date of September 9, 1942.

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TAPE. VIRGINIA HILL, WAS ET AL, INFORMATION CONCERNING. RETEL SEVENTEENTH. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES LOS ANGELES HAS NO INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO HILL OTHER THAN COPIES OF LETTERS TO CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AND LETTER TO BUREAU FEBRUARY TWO, THIRTY SEVEN, LIKEWISE INQUIRING FOR ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO HILL. BUREAU REPLIED FEBRUARY NINE, THIRTY SEVEN NO RECORD. LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES REFLECT ONLY THAT SHE WAS QUOTE UNDER SUSPICION UNQUOTE IN THIS CITY.

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Date: October 10, 1942

To: SAC, Chicago

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases; et al; INFORMATION CONCERNING

There is transmitted herewith the original copy of the report of Special Agent Robert L. Blackwell, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 18, 1942, which does not bear your autographic signature.

In the event this report meets with your approval, it is requested that you immediately sign and return it to the Bureau.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Atlanta, Georgia	9-20-42	9-10,18-42	JOHN E. KEEFE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The sources of money orders received via Western Union by subject HILL and her family in Marietta, Georgia, from 1940 through September 5, 1942, set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated September 4, 1942 at Atlanta, Georgia. 62-65737

DETAILS: In reference report it is stated that an effort was being made to ascertain the sources of money orders received at Western Union, Marietta, Georgia by VIRGINIA HILL, MARGARET HILL, BILL HILL and CHARLIE HILL. The following are results of efforts to determine the sources of these money orders, as supplied by a confidential source:

~~DEFERRED RECORDS~~

Date	Amount	Origin	Sender
March 2, 1940	$50.00	Laredo, Texas	Va. Hill
April 17, 1940	$15.00	Laredo, Texas	"
April 20, 1940	$25.00	Laredo, Texas	"
June 5, 1940	$60.00	*NA, New York City	"
July 3, 1940	$40.00	*WA, New York City	"
August 3, 1940	$40.00	New York City	"
August 17, 1940	$25.00	New York City	"
Sep. 28, 1940	$25.00	New York City	Virginia Juan
Oct. 5, 1940	$30.00	*SA, Chicago	J. Epstein
Oct. 6, 1940	$30.00	*SA, Chicago	"
Oct. 11, 1940	$65.00	*SA, Chicago	"
Oct. 14, 1940	$35.00	*OS, Chicago	"
Oct. 19, 1940	$35.00	*OA, Chicago	"

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Date	Amount	Origin	Sender
Oct. 21, 1940	$20.00	OA, Chicago	Va. Hill
Oct. 26, 1940	$25.00	UN, Chicago	"
Oct. 29, 1940	$20.00	QS, Chicago	J. Epstein
Oct. 30, 1940	$120.00	NR, Chicago	"
Nov. 3, 1940	$40.00	OA, Chicago	Va. Hill
Nov. 8, 1940	$25.00	QS, Chicago	J. Epstein
Nov. 12, 1940	$1700.00	NR, Chicago	"
Nov. 20, 1940	$50.00	MG, Chicago	"
Nov. 22, 1940	$100.00	NR, Chicago	"
Nov. 26, 1940	$40.00	OA, Chicago	Va. Hill
Nov. 29, 1940	$30.00	LE, New York City	"
Dec. 12, 1940	$40.00	New York City	"
Dec. 14, 1940	$25.00	IH, Chicago	J. Epstein
Dec. 20, 1940	$20.00	QS, Chicago	"
Dec. 21, 1940	$100.00	OA, Chicago	"
Dec. 24, 1940	$100.00	BN, Chicago	"
Dec. 25, 1940	$50.00	Chicago	"
Dec. 27, 1940	$150.00	OA, Chicago	"
Dec. 26, 1940	$150.00	NR, Chicago	"
Dec. 28, 1940	$250.00	OA, Chicago	"
Dec. 28, 1940	$60.00	NR, Chicago	"
Jan. 11, 1941	$100.00	Miami, Florida	Va. Hill
Jan. 15, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Jan. 20, 1941	$125.00	Miami Beach, Florida	Va. Hill
Jan. 24, 1941	$500.00	Miami Beach, Florida	"
Jan. 9, 1941	$50.00	Miami Beach, Florida	"
Feb. 6, 1941	$100.00	Miami Beach, Florida	"
Feb. 15, 1941	$50.00	Miami Beach, Florida	"
Feb. 19, 1941	$200.00	Miami Beach, Florida	"
Feb. 25, 1941	$200.00	Chicago	"
Feb. 28, 1941	$75.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Mar. 1, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	"
Mar. 3, 1941	$2200.00	Chicago	"
Mar. 12, 1941	$40.00	Chicago	Va. Hill
Mar. 19, 1941	$70.00	Chicago	"
Mar. 25, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	"
Mar. 26, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	M. A. Michelle
Mar. 31, 1941	$50.00	New York City	Va. Hill
Apr. 3, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	"
Apr. 5, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	Va. Watson
Apr. 15, 1941	$50.00	Hollywood	Va. Dietch
Apr. 20, 1941	$50.00	Beverly	Va. Degby
Apr. 21, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Apr. 28, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
May, 17, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	"
May 24, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	"
May 29, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	"

Date	Amount	Origin	Sender
June 6, 1941	$50.00	New York City	Va. Hill
June 16, 1941	$50.00	New York City	"
June 21, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
June 22, 1941	$50.00	New York City	Va. Hill
June 29, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
July 5, 1941	$200.00	Chicago	"
July 7, 1941	$400.00	Chicago	"
July 15, 1941	$75.00	Chicago	Va. Hill
July 26, 1941	$40.00	Chicago	"
July 29, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Aug. 7, 1941	$150.00	Chicago	"
Aug. 14, 1941	$50.00	Beverly Hills	Va. Hill
Sep. 2, 1941	$100.00	Beverly Hills	Va. Hill
Sep. 12, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Sep. 20, 1941	$100.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Oct. 18, 1941	$50.00	Vannerys	Va. Hill
Oct. 24, 1941	$50.00	N. Hollywood	Va. Hill
Oct. 27, 1941	$10.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Nov. 8, 1941	$50.00	Los Angeles	Va. Hill
Nov. 8, 1941	$40.00	Hollywood	Va. Hill
Dec. 23, 1941	$50.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Jan. 3, 1942	$25.00	Chicago	Va. Hill
Jan. 22, 1942	$300.00	Chicago	J. Epstein
Mar. 14, 1942	$50.00	Cleveland	Va. Hill
Mar. 28, 1942	$50.00	Chicago	Chick Hill
June 15, 1942	$50.00	Hollywood	Va. Hill
Sep. 5, 1942	$25.00	Chicago	J. Epstein

In regard to a cashier's check referred to in the report of Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL dated August 31, 1942, Chicago, Illinois, as having been purchased by JOSEPH EPSTEIN at the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, their number C63404, dated June 23, 1942, payee M. HILL, with other endorsers H. M. POWELL, LILLIAN BURGEN, stg. Fr. Co. (illegible), this check having cleared at the First National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, the following investigation was made:

Mr. F. G. PURSIEY, First National Bank, Atlanta, had a search made of all recordak pictures of cashier's checks received from Merchandist National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, from June 23, to July 7, 1942, with negative results. Mr. PURSIEY advised that it would greatly facilitate his search for his record of this transaction if he were supplied with the date this check cleared his bank. He stated that this date could be obtained from the original cashier's check which would be returned to the bank where it was originally purchased.

In view of the volumn of business handled by the First National Bank of Atlanta, it is not believed advisable to continue searching for a recordak picture of instant check until data as to when this check cleared this bank is furnished it.

In view of the fact that there is no evidence of an account at the First National Bank for VIRGINIA HILL, or VIRGINIA D'ALGY, further investigation as to this matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Atlanta, 62-577

The Confidential Source mentioned in this report is [redacted] of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia b7D

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VIRGINIA HILL, WAS, ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING
HILL NOW AT MADISON HOTEL, FIFTEEN EAST FIFTYEIGHTH ST, NYC, WHERE
SHE CASHED CASHIERS CHECKS IN AMOUNTS OF FIVE HUNDRED, THREE HUNDRED,
ONE HUNDRED, SEPT NINETEEN. DEPOSITED NYC SAME DAY. CHECKS ISSUED BY
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias,
Virginia D'Algy

You will recall that Columnist Mark Hellinger submitted information to the Los Angeles Field Division that Virginia Hill, prominent in cafe society circles in Los Angeles, had passed a large check at Ciro's Night Club in Los Angeles which check, according to Barry Wilkerson, manager of Ciro's, was from the Attorney General; that Hill apparently had unlimited funds and entertained in a lavish fashion.

Hill has been referred to in the November 5, 1941 issue of the Los Angeles Examiner as the "Female Rex St. Cyr" and as the "Belle of the Bistros," and in the December 22, 1941 issue of that paper as the "Feminine Diamond Jim Brady and Rex St. Cyr rolled into one," because of the fabulously expensive parties at which she entertained. The November 5, 1941 issue of the Los Angeles Examiner, above mentioned, indicated that she gave a $7,500 champagne party at the Mocambo Restaurant, Los Angeles, and the December 22, 1941 issue of the Los Angeles Examiner, above referred to, indicated that according to her cancelled check stubs she had contributed over $70,000 to the tills of night clubs in the past year.

Investigation has disclosed that Hill was born at Bessemer, Alabama, and is approximately twenty-four years of age. Her parents are financially poor and she is alleged to be supporting her mother who is separated from her father. She did not finish grammar school and juvenile court records indicate she was a problem child at an early age.

It is stated that some time in the latter part of 1932, or 1933, Hill, in order to attend the World's Fair in Chicago, married one George Brown with whom she went to Chicago, but she left him after a few days. While in Chicago, Hill danced at the various night clubs on the World's Fair grounds, and thereafter attended a dancing school and was employed as a teacher for that school for approximately one year and then became a night club dancer and, while dancing at the Chez Paree, is alleged to have met one Joseph Epstein, wealthy Chicago bookmaker. Apparently Epstein

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became very much attached to Virginia Hill and, although Hill's sister has indicated that Epstein and Hill were married and subsequently divorced, this is not believed to be the case although it is known that Hill and Epstein have had a love affair and have lived together.

Hill subsequently returned to Bessemer where she married one Osgood Griffin and it is indicated that during this marriage Epstein was Hill's main source of support. Hill's marriage to Griffin was annulled and, thereafter, she went to Chicago and New York, where she was employed at various night clubs and on some occasions made trips to Mexico. She is alleged to have gone to Hollywood and played a small part in some moving picture. Hill subsequently married one Carlos Valdez, a Mexican dancer, in 1940. After a short time she was divorced from Valdez.

Virginia Hill is then alleged to have met one Juan Romero, reputedly a wealthy South American dancer and the owner of Falcon-Lair, the former home of Rudolph Valentino located at 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where Virginia Hill presently lives along with Romero and one Miguelito Valdes (Valdez), a Cuban singer recently with Xavier Cougat's orchestra.

Special Service Contact Harry Crocker, Assistant to the Publisher of the Los Angeles Examiner, advised that Hill at one time was a "gangster's moll" in Cicero, Illinois, and had associated with one Johnny Carroll, an actor, and one Epstein, who was alleged to be tied up in some kind of a horse racket and handled interests for Al Capone. Crocker further advised he received information that Hill made five trips to Mexico some time prior to August 25, 1941; that on each trip she had her hair dyed a different color and used a different name, and that there was a rumor to the effect that Hill is a go-between for a gang engaged in bringing Jewish refugees into the United States.

An investigation conducted by the Bureau regarding Hill's financial accounts indicates she has an account at the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, California, wherein she deposited $3,000 on April 14, 1941, under the name of Virginia D'Algy; that during August, 1941, she made various deposits. Inquiry at Chicago, Illinois, reflected that thirty-one cashier's checks, aggregating $10,950, were purchased by Joseph Epstein at the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, from June 1 to September 4, 1942, and forwarded to Hill or Romero. Inquiry further indicated that Epstein is a bookie for Stern and Horwick, Chicago. Undoubtedly the above sum of money represents only a portion of the total money furnished Hill by Epstein inasmuch as it is known that from March 2, 1940, to September 5, 1942, Epstein forwarded money orders to Hill, most of which were in comparatively small amounts but one of which was for $1,700 and another for $2,200. A discreet search of Epstein's room revealed the presence of racing forms with the letterhead of Stern and Horwick, as well as bank statements of that concern. One empty envelope addressed to Hill at the Reforma Hotel, Mexico, D. F., was found.

Epstein's Selective Service questionnaire indicates he has been an accountant with Stern and Horwick for the past ten years and is now making a salary of $8,000 a year. This questionnaire further reflected Epstein to be forty years of age and to have been born in Minsk, Russia, on December 10, 1901.

It is known that for a while Hill had an affair with one Major A. Riddle (Major being a part of Riddle's name, and not a Military title), thirty-five years of age, and reported to be a millionaire playboy in the trucking business. Although there is no indication that Riddle furnished Hill any funds, it is alleged that Hill spent many nights with Riddle in his penthouse in Chicago and that on one occasion in 1941, when Hill stayed at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, the bills were charged to Riddle. Riddle is reported to be a race horse man and probably owns some horses. Riddle is married and has two daughters. He is separated from his wife. He is considered a plunger and gambler and spends money freely. It is believed that he has lost much of his money in recent years. There is no definite information to the effect that Riddle and Hill are still associated, although it is known that Hill, while registered at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City in March and April of 1941, made several telephone calls to one Mr. Riddle in Chicago, undoubtedly identical with Major Riddle.

Hill visits New York from time to time, stopping at the Essex House and the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in expensive suites and pays her bills in cash. She is alleged to spend money lavishly and to own a part of the Hurricane Night Club in New York City.

Nate Gross, Columnist on the Herald American newspaper in Chicago, knows Major Riddle well and is of the belief that Hill has little or no connection with him at the present time. He believes Joe Epstein to be the main source of Virginia Hill's income. Epstein, a Chicago bookmaker, is not believed by Gross to be connected with any particular group of gangsters in Chicago. He states that Epstein worships Virginia Hill and he has known her to call Epstein long distance demanding money and, on one occasion, she called Epstein in Florida and told him to get $5,000 to her immediately.

Additional investigation is being conducted for the purpose of establishing more detailed information concerning Virginia Hill's background and her source of income as well as investigation at Mexico City for the purpose of determining her activities there inasmuch as it is known that she has visited in Mexico City and has made long distance telephone calls there during December, 1941.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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Date: December 5, 1942

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
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Your division and those divisions to which copies of this letter are being forwarded, are instructed to complete the investigation now outstanding in this case and submit complete and comprehensive reports herein immediately.

In response to the inquiry contained in the letter of November 13, 1942, directed to the Bureau by the New York City Field Division, that Division is informed that the purpose of instant investigation is to determine all the sources of income received by Virginia Hill and to ascertain whether her activities constitute any violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington,D.C.

RE: VIRGINIA HILL, was.
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above captioned case in which the Los Angeles Office is the office of origin.

A review of the New York file reflects that considerable investigation has been conducted with reference to VIRGINIA HILL. However, this office is not in possession of definite information as to the real purpose of the investigation and therefore it is not in a position to conduct a logical investigation.

Inasmuch as the Bureau apparently instructed the Los Angeles Office to institute this investigation it would be appreciated if the Bureau would review the information submitted by this office in connection with the case and advise if there is need for continuing this investigation in this office. If the Bureau desires the investigation to be continued it is suggested that the Bureau might desire to furnish more definite information as to the purpose and aims of the investigation so that this office may proceed on a logical basis.

Very truly yours

P. E. Foxworth

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Assistant Director

cc- Los Angeles

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VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with alias:
Virginia D'Alcy;
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Dear [redacted]

In connection with a discreet investigation now being conducted by the Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining the background and source of income of the subject, it has been ascertained that while registered at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York City, she made the following long distance telephone calls to Mexico City:

December 13, 1941, Mexico City, Mexico, M. E. Sandoval
December 20, 1941, Mexico City, Mexico, Cuautla 50, Lerio Deza
December 20, 1941, Mexico City, Mexico, Mata Meras

It is desired that such appropriate discreet inquiry be made concerning the recipients of these long distance telephone calls and subject's connection and association therewith as will tend to affect the purpose of this investigation.

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For your information and to assist you in this inquiry, you are advised that subject was born at Fossmer, Alabama. She is approximately twenty-four years of age, five feet four inches in height, one hundred and twenty pounds in weight, has brown hair which is worn long and fluffy, brown eyes and a dark complexion and gives the general appearance of being Latin. She is alleged to have the reputation of being promiscuous.

Subject presently resides at the former home of Rudolph Valentino, 2 Dells Drive, Beverly Hills, California, with one Juan Ramoro, a dancer, and one Miguelito Valdes (or Valdez), a Cuban singer with Xavier Cugat's orchestra. She is alleged to have married and divorced successively one George Brown, one Lloyd Griffin, a former football star at the University of Alabama, and one Carlos Valdez. She is further alleged to entertain at very lavish and expensive parties and to spend large sums of money at night clubs. Unconfirmed information has been received to the effect that subject had made five trips to Mexico City some time prior to August 25, 1941, that on each trip she had her hair dyed a different color and used a different name and that there is a rumor to the effect she is a go-between for a gang engaged in bringing Jewish refugees into the United States.

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[illegible]tigation has disclosed, however, that Subject Hill has received large [illegible] money from one Joseph Epstein, bookie for Storm and Norwick, Chicago, [illegible]ois. The reason for these payments to subject by Epstein is unknown [illegible] then that they are being made because of the possible existence of an af[illegible] [illegible]een the two.

[illegible]velope addressed to the subject at the Reforma Hotel, Mexico, D. F., [illegible]ently located.

[illegible] is alleged to have had an affair with one Major A. [illegible]iddle ("Major" is [illegible] first name and not a military title), who is reported to be a mil[illegible] playboy in the trucking business.

[illegible] Appropriate discreet inquiries should be made immediately at the [illegible]otel in addition to the inquiries concerning the telephone calls [illegible]above and such other inquiries as would logically suggest themselves [illegible]after should be made for the purpose of determining Subject Hill's [illegible]ties in Mexico City and the source of her income.

For your assistance in the conduct of this investigation, there is [illegible]losed herewith a copy of a photograph of Subject Hill.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE CHANGED:
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON.

CHARACTER OF CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HILL listed birth datedas 8/25/17, at Bessemer, Ala., on affidavit made in NY in 1941, to State Liquor Authority. Bills totaling $225.63 of HILL at SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL for 2 weeks, in August 1942, paid by MIGUELITO VALDES, entertainer, said to have been only male contact while at this hotel. Reported by Gossip Columnist 9/18/42 to be her husband. HILL currently at Madison Hotel. On 9/19/42 cashed $900 in cashier's checks issued by American National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. HILL relinquished interest in HURRICANE night club in August 1941. Obtained divorce in NY in 1941 from CARLOS VALDEZ GONZALES. Subscribers of 'phone numbers called from her hotel rooms set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. S. Stewart, dated 8/29/42 at New York, N.Y.

DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked Changed to add the additional alias of VIRGINIA GONZALES to the name of subject.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [illegible] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

MR. A. M. HOWARD, Comptroller & Secretary-Treasurer of the SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL, 59th St. & Fifth Avenue, advised that VIRGINIA HILL was a guest there from August 29, 1942, to September 17, 1942, occupying rooms #666 and #667, on a basis of $12 per day. Payments on her account were made as follows:

September 5. - $110.25 by check on bank bearing Federal Reserve No.1-12.

September 12. - $223.69.

September 17. - $115.38

MR. HOWARD advised that only the Federal Reserve Number of a bank on which a check is drawn is noted by his hotel and no information is retained relative to the name of the payor or payee. He said the check above referred to, which was presented on September 5th, was deposited by the hotel on September 8th, at the National City Bank branch at 57th St. and Park Avenue.

The hotel had no credit information on VIRGINIA HILL, Mr. Howard explaining that a guest is never asked to furnish this data if the account is paid within three days of the time it is rendered, if charges on the account are normal or unless the guest desires to cash checks. Mr. Howard checked his records which indicated that VIRGINIA HILL had never previously been at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel under that name or under the names of Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Epstein or Virginia Hillburn.

MR. C. S. CARMAN, night manager of the SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL stated that on August 29, 1942, he had received a call at the hotel from a man named ZUKERMAN who is connected with the LATIN QUARTER, a night club, who said he handled local arrangements for Hollywood people. Zukerman wanted a suite reserved for VIRGINIA HILL, who he promised would be in later that night. About 4 a.m. August 30, HILL arrived at the hotel, and Mr. Carman personally conducted her to her room to see if it met with her approval. While in the room HILL telephoned HERB ACKERBERG to tell him she was there and gave him her room number. CARMAN said he was acquainted with Ackerberg and knew him to be connected either with the National Broadcasting Co. or Columbia Broadcasting System as Vice-President in Charge of Publicity.

CARMAN'S next contact with HILL was on an occasion about ten days later when she returned to the hotel during the evening in the company of another girl and in a condition described by Carman as "half loaded." HILL introduced her companion only by first name which Carman did not remember; told Carman in the course of their conversation, that she

owned half of the HURRICANE NIGHT CLUB so she could have a place to play in; further that she was married and was trying to get rid of her husband. MR. CARMAN recalled that she mentioned the name of the individual she referred to as her husband, but he could not recall it other than that it was of a foreign, perhaps Italian, sound.

On Saturday night, September 12th, MR. CARMAN said, he observed HILL leave the hotel with a Cuban man and a Chinese girl, the latter whom HILL introduced to him as an aviatrix. He did not recall her name. CARMAN said HILL returned to the hotel alone about 2:30 a.m. September 13th going right to her room. Later the Cuban and the Chinese girl came in. The girl waited in the lobby and the Cuban went upstairs. Shortly thereafter HILL called for the house officer, saying that a man had a key to her apartment and she wanted it returned. Carman sent the house officer to HILL'S room and was advised that the officer met the Cuban leaving her room with a guitar. Mr. Carman soon thereafter went to Hill's room himself, at which time he found her sitting on her bed in pajamas. Her lips were bruised and HILL told him that the Cuban had threatened to kill her and pointed to an automatic in a dresser drawer which she said belonged to the man. Mr. Carman suggested to her that the matter be referred to the police but HILL declined, saying she did not care for publicity of such type because of her family. Several nights later Carman said, it appeared that HILL and the Cuban had patched up their differences because he saw them leave the hotel together, apparently good friends again.

MR. CARMAN further advised that ROY RUSKIN, Headwaiter at the Savoy Plaza and formerly in the employ of the Stork Club, had informed him that HILL had a lot of money and owned a piece of the Hurricane night club.

MR. CARMAN said VIRGINIA HILL had no guests at the hotel except the Cuban, the Chinese girl and the young woman to whom he was introduced on the occasion above mentioned. He said the Cuban was at the hotel a great deal although he was not registered as a guest. He declared that HILL and the Cuban would come in very late at night and sometimes would send out for something to eat and would be together in HILL'S room for various amounts of time.

HILL was described as generous to the bellboys by way of the size of tips. CARMAN said that when she registered she left word she was not in to anyone unless the party calling gave her room number.

CARMAN said the Cuban friend of VIRGINIA HILL had been guest entertainer at LA MARTINIQUE night club, Sunday night September 13th. A picture of MIGUELITO VALDES, Cuban singer pictured in the article of HILL appearing in the August 12, 1941 issue of LOOK magazine as mentioned in

reference report, was displayed to Mr. Carman. He identified VALDES as the Cuban friend of HILL as mentioned above, at the Savoy Plaza Hotel.

The following list of telephone numbers are those called from HILL'S apartment, the subscribers to which were later determined and are also listed below:

LON. 5-3789	REVAY MODES, INC. 239 W. 39th St., New York City.
TRA 4-4493	AUGUSTA MANN, 230 W. 79th St., New York City.
COL 5-9247	MARION FREEDMAN, 850 7th Ave., New York City.
COL 5-6344	FRANK TANNEHILL, 854 7th Ave., New York City.
SCH 4-5685	MIGUEL VALDEZ, 146 W. 79th St., New York City. (Special Non-published number. Cancelled as of 9/14/42).
WIC 3-2000	COLUMBIA BROADCASTING CO. 485 Madison Ave., New York City.
CIR 7-1130	Apartment house, 200 W. 54th St., New York City.
COL 5-2300	DECCA RECORDS, INC. 50 W. 57th St., New York City.
CIR 5-8980	LA CONGA, 201 W. 51st St., New York City
PLA 5-3594	MARGARET YVONNE, INC. 509 Madison Ave., New York City.
PLA 8-1530	FRENCH BOOTERY, 22 E. 57th St., New York City.
PLA 3-4500	ST. REGIS HOTEL, 5th Ave. & 55th St., New York City.
COL 5-2100	HOTEL WINDSOR, 100 W. 58th St., New York City.
--- 3-0531	(Exchange illegible)
LAU 8-0176	GEORGE HEEMSATH, 137-28 243rd St., Rosedale. L.I., NY.
ACA 2-8481	RAYMON CHEVESTRE, 73 W. 105th St., New York City.
COL 5-1360	IRVINGTON HALL, 355 W. 51st St., New York City.
CIR 7-6336	ROBBINS MUSIC CORP., 799 7th Ave., New York City.
PLA 3-4000	SAKS FIFTH AVENUE, 5th Ave. & 49th St., New York City.
CIR 6-1864	BETTY BRUCE, 305 W. 52nd St., New York City.

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CIR 6-1500	HOTEL BUCKINGHAM, 101 W. 57th St., New York City.
SCH 4-7655	MANUEL OVIEDO, 250 W. 85th St., New York City. (Special non-publiched).
BRY 9-0068	IRVING ZUSSMAN, 48 W. 48th St., New York City.
PLA 3-0111	CARTIER, INC. 5th Ave. & 52nd St., New York City.
CIR 7-8000	PARK CENTRAL HOTEL, 55th St. & 7th Ave., New York City.
PLA 5-3434	O. H. FOGG, 270 Park Ave., New York City.
VOL 5-5000	MADISON HOTEL, 15 E. 58th St., New York City.
CIR 6-1300	HOTEL SALISBURY, 12 W. 57th St., New York City.
CIR 5-7979	GREATER NEW YORK BROADCASTING CORP. 501 Madison Ave., NYC.
CIR 6-5252	HOTEL FORREST, 224 W. 49th St., New York City.
WAL 5-2372	(Exchange illegible)
CIR 6-6600	HOTEL PICADILLY, 227 W. 45th St., New York City

The following is a list of Long Distance calls made from HILL'S apartment at the SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL:

August 30th. at 7:11 p.m. to WARREN ROMERO, at CRestness 6-8045, Los Angeles, Calif. Time: 10 mins. $13.35 charge.

September 2nd. to SUperior 8093, Chicago, Ill. Time:1 min. Charge $2.25.

September 3rd. 5:15 p.m. Collect call to Chicago (no number noted). Time: 7 mins.

September 5th. 10:20 a.m. to SUperior 4660, Chicago. Time: 3 mins. Charge $2.30.

September 8th. 3:15 a.m. to JOE EPSTEIN, SUperior 4660, Chicago. Time 51 mins. Collect.

September 12th. 4:15 a.m. to JOE EPSTEIN, SUperior 4660, Chicago, Collect.

MR. SIDNEY DICKETTS, Managing Director of the MADISON HOTEL, 15 E. 58th St., advised that VIRGINIA HILL had moved into Apartment #3, on September 17th. The suite consisted of two rooms and payment was made for a month in advance in the amount of $310. MR. DICKETTS said HILL had never been at the Madison Hotel before, had no maid, and he believed the person instrumental in bringing her to the hotel as a guest was JAMES M. BRYANT, Cafe manager, who had known her for some time since he had been connected with various night spots in New York City. BRYANT had advised that he felt HILL would be a good paying guest. Dicketts observed, however, that if any inquiry were made of Bryant relative to VIRGINIA HILL the matter, no doubt, would get back to her. MR. DICKETTS said that HILL'S reservation was made by a good looking girl whom he was advised, was known as MISS HARVEY. He believed she was in some stage show and suggested the play "LET'S FACT IT". HILL'S registration at the hotel showed her home as Beverly Hills, California.

MR. DICKETTS said that on September 9th, he cashed cashiers checks for HILL in the amounts of $500; $300 and $100 drawn on the AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO. of Chicago. He said he believed HILL was listed as the payee on only two of the checks but he had no record as to who the payee on the third check might be. It is to be noted in the article appearing in LOOK Magazine issued of August 12, 1941, mentioned in reference report, a girl identified as MARIAN HARVEY is pictured and is described as VIRGINIA HILL'S secretary-companion. In that article she is said to have been a former dancer in Miami's ROYAL PALM show.

BERNARD L. PATTERSON, Assistant Manager at the Madison Hotel, said that in the short time she had resided there he had observed HILL only when she came to the desk of an evening to get her jewelry before going out. He said she dressed very well; went out every night; had always been alone when he had observed her and generally kept very much to herself. He said he would note any callers she might have at the hotel and also would inquire about her of Mr. Bryant, the cafe manager, when an opportune moment presented itself.

A list of the telephone calls made from Virginia Hill's room at the Madison Hotel between the dates of September 17th and September 20th was obtained and the subscribers ascertained. This list is being set forth below:

VOL 5-2600 SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL, 58th St. & 5th Ave., New York City.

CIR 6-1500 HOTEL BUCKINGHAM, 101 W. 57th St., New York City.

LON 3-9422 MEXICAN RESTAURANT XOCHITL, 146 W. 46th St., New York City.

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BRY 9-3247 HOTEL ST. JAMES, 109 W. 45th St., New York City.

ELD 5-3000 WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, 301 Park Ave., New York City.

MUR 2-1860 HOWARD REINHEIMER, 11 E. 44th St., New York City.

BRY 9-0068 IRVING ZUSSMAN, 48 W. 48th St., New York City.

COL 5-9247 MARION FREEIMAN, 850 7th Ave., New York City.

RHI 4-9583 JAMES KANE, 1001 Park Ave., New York City.

WI 2-9000 MARGUERY HOTEL, 270 Park Ave., New York City.

VOL 5-2800 SHERRY-NETHERLANDS HOTEL, 5th Ave. & 59th St., New York City.

LAU 8-0176 GEORGE HEEMSATH, 137-29, 243rd St., Rosedale, N.Y.

AUD 3-7744 TILLIE'S CHICKEN GRILL, 154 W. 133rd St., New York City.

PLA 3-4500 ST. REGIS HOTEL, 5th Ave. & 55th St., New York City.

The following is a list of the telephone numbers called by VIRGINIA HILL while at the ESSEX HOUSE on June 5th and June 27, 1941, as indicated in reference report, which were ascertained to belong to the following subscribers:

BRY 9-5260 HOTEL CENTURY, 111 W. 46th St., New York City.

BRY 9-3300 HOTEL KNICKERBOCKER, 120 W. 45th St., New York City.

CIR 7-7900 HOTEL NAVARRO, 112 Central Park South, New York City.

DAY 9-1186 MICHAEL PATTI, 890 Fox St., New York City.

ELD 5-3300 WEBB & KNAPP, 383 Madison Ave., New York City.

END 2-6980 AUGUSTI DECASTRO, 15 W. 66th St. (Cancelled 8/29/41)

FLORIDA 8-1017 No such number.

ILLINOIS - 4506 No such number.

HAV 9-1859 MAX B. CANE, 79th St., Jackson Heights, New York.

PLA 8-1017 ABE WEISER, 147 E. 45th St., New YorkCity.

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PEN 6-4506 A. D. H. JUILLIARD CO. 40 W. 40th St., New York City.

PEN 6-4560 U. S. PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS, 111 W. 42nd St. NYC.

WIC 2-5800 HOTEL ST.MORITZ, 50 Central Park South, New York City.

WA 9-2137 DR. MORTON S. BISKIND, 8 W. 16th St., New YorkCity.

IAU 8-0176 GEORGE HEEMSATH, 137-29 243rd St., Rosedale, L.I.,N.Y.

It was determined that there was no such number as Gloversville, N.Y. 458 as mentioned in reference report.

MR. CHARLES MILLER, Assistant Treasurer, Guaranty Trust Co. 140 Brdadway, New York City, advised that if the MADISON HOTEL deposited the cashiers checks above referred to in the interview with MR. Dicketts, with its regular deposit of September 19, 1941, at the Madison Ave., branch, these checks would arrive at Chicago, Monday September 21, 1942, clearing through the Federal Res rve Bank before reaching the AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY. A teletype was sent to the Chicago Field Office requesting that an effort be made to determine the person paying for these checks.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York advised that the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. 165 Broadway, was the holder of Federal Reserve No. 1-12.

With respect to the check in the amount of $110.25 given by VIRGINIA HILL to the SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL on September 5th, as above mentioned, MR. F. X. KANE, Assistant Comptroller of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. was contacted in an effort to determine the payor on the instrument. A Recordak film of the check was displayed by Mr. Kane to the writer indicating the check was dated September 5th, was singed by MIGUELITO VALDEZ and bore #206 and was payable to the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in the amount of $110.25 and bore the writing on the face, "For Virginia Hill. Bill at week-end."

Mr. Kane also produced the September ledger sheet reflecting VALDEZ' account. Balance at the start of the month was $1591. Deposits were $1000 and balance as of September 22nd, was $146.00. Cancelled checks paid through Valdez' account through the month were as follows:

August 21, 1942 - To JOSE L. SANDINO - No. 192 - $25.00 -Publicity

August 31, 1942 - to CY MANN - No.204 - $30.00

August 31, 1942 - To PAUL PEREZ - No. 203 - $68.00
Endorsed also by "Spanish Benevolent Society,Inc. Centro Espanol"

August 10, 1942 - TAUPIER PHOTO STUDIOS, No.169 - $44.30 -Publicity

September 2, 1942 - Treasurer of the U.S. - $993.75 - War Bonds.

September 9, 1942 - S. SCHIEFFER, No.207 - $400 (Cashed at the Waldorf Office of the Chemical Bank & Tr. Co.).

September 11, 1942 - MARY FREEDMAN - No.209 - $50. (Endorsed also by Mary Goldstein in same handwriting. Paid through Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co. 55th St. branch).

September 11, 1942 - HOTEL BUCKINGHAM - $62.33.

September 13, 1942 - Cash - No. 210 - $150.00

September 15, 1942 - Cash - No. 211 - $300.(Cashed at the Waldorf Office of the bank).

September 17, 1942 - SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL - No.213 - $150.38. (This check was endorsed by the Savoy-Plaza indicating that of the amount set forth the sum of $115.38 had been applied on an account.)

September 17, 1942 - CY MANN - No. 214 - $35.00 (Cashed at the Waldorf Astoria).

It is noted here that information secured from MR. A. M. HOWARD, Comptroller and Secretary-Treasurer of the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, as set forth, indicates that the sum of $115.38 was credited to the account of VIRGINIA HILL on September 17th, and the payment had been made by cash.

Photostatic copies of the picture article appearing the August 12, 1941 issued of LOOK Magazine, entitled "THE LAST OF THE NIGHT CLUB PLUNGERS" being a photographic story of VIRGINIA HILL, were obtained and are being made a part of the file of the New York Field Division. It was determined from the Photo Credit Section of this magazine that the pictures appearing in the article were taken by FRANK BAUMAN of the LOOK Magazine staff of photographers.

The following information was obtained from confidential informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau: Some years ago VIRGINIA HILL reportedly was the mistress of a wealthy Chicago man named EPSTEIN, during which time he showered her with money and jewels and might even have been married to her. Epstein later went broke and VIRGINIA HILL left him, after returning to him all the jewels and money he had given her. Recently Epstein is reported to be well off again and remembering VIRGINIA HILL'S loyalty, is sharing his new found wealth with her. b7D

The informant reported that MR. TED SAUCIER, Publicity Director of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, who also represents XAVIER CUGAT'S orchestra had advised him that MIGUELITO VALDEZ, formerly was a vocalist with the orchestra until the hotel management insisted that he be discharged. SAUCIER is quoted as follows: "He acted strange, was on the make for the rich women, and his paramour Virginia Hill was always hanging around the Starlight Roof. Valdez is very attractive; has something the women go for; has a firly good voice and is half Negro. He is a high priced singer; recently grossed $1600 at a Harlem concert. VALDEZ is represented by IRVING ZUSSMAN of the Hurricane Restaurant, 49th St. & Broadway. Virginia Hill has spent a great deal of money in promoting Valdez. Miss Hill is very wealthy and no one seems to know where her money comes from". Saucier further reported to the informant that JUAN ROMERO was never connected with CUGAT and further that one DANIEL SANTOS is the present vocalist with that band.

On September 18, 1942, the following item appeared in the "Broadway" column of Danton Walker in the New York Daily News:

"If Virginia Hill, the Georgia "Heiress" isn't Mrs. Miguelito Valdez, her friends are very much mistaken."

The files of the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, 393 7th Ave., New York City, were checked for records under the name of VIRGINIA HILL. A report made at New York, dated May 4, 1942, indicated her residence to be 100 Church St., Marietta, Ga.; that she is single and that HILL was believed to be her professional name and that her correct name is D'ALGY.

A report dated May 5, 1942, prepared by the Marietta (Ga.) Credit Service for the New York agency, indicated that in 1940, VIRGINIA HILL had filed to pay a furniture account as agreed and that a department store account was five months past due in December 1941 before it was paid. Her age was described as being 26 to 28. She is of Ango-Saxon extraction; Marital status, single. She has been a dancer and actress for several years and is reported to have been manager of a store of ALLMAN'S MILLINERY, Chicago, for 8 years. Character, habits and morals were described as good. The report reflected that HILL'S mother still resides in Marietta, Ga.

The names VIRGINIA HILL, VIRGINIA D'ALGY, VIRGINIA DALGY, VIRGINIA EPSTEIN, VIRGINIA HILLBURN and VIRGINIA WATSON were checked in the files of the New York Police Department, with negative results.

MR. HOWARD J. McILHARGY, Supervisor of Investigation, Bureau of Investigation, State Liquor Authority, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City, advised

that prior to the issuance of the liquor license on June 17, 1941, to the HURRICANE RESTAURANT, 1619 Broadway, with which VIRGINIA HILL was connected, an intensive investigation of the ownership of said restaurant was instituted in view of the fact a previous liquor license had been revoked. In this connection the State Liquor Authority conducted an investigation relative to Virginia Hill and McIlhargy described her as being something of a "crack pot and publicity hound," a great thrower of parties at various night clubs, the cost of some of which were reported to have reached as high as $5000. He described her as about 5'1"; 130 lbs; plump; dark; one who effects dark glasses and generally of the show girl type. He said she frequently dances in her bare feet and indicated she probably had had no connection with any other licensed place in New York. Mr. McIlhargy said Hill was questioned by the Liquor Authority as to where she was getting the money she planned to invest in the Hurricane Restaurant and she explained the funds came from her pawning of jewels with a Chicago loan broker. The Liquor Authority determined that cashier's checks on the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Chicago payable to Virginia Hill andendorsed by her in payment of an interest in the HURRICANE RESTAURANT, were purchased by HARRY LEVINSON of LEVINSON'S LOANS, INC. 739 N. Park St., Chicago, Ill. Those checks were in the amount of $3400 dated May 6, 1941, and $1500, dated May 22, 1941.

On May 26, 1941, the following item appeared in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS under ED SULLIVAN'S column:

> "Virginia Hill, who is backing the new Hurricane, and chorus boy George Miller, are blazing. She is the girl who tossed all that dough around in Miami last winter. Her bankroll is a Chicago bookmaker."

Immediately after the appearance of the above item, HILL was further questioned with respect to her background and she supplied the State Liquor Authority with an affidavit setting forth certain information relative to her activities. In the affidavit Hill stated she was born in Bessamer, Ala., August 25, 1917, and now was a resident of Marietta, Ga. In 1932 she was married to GEORGE ROGERS, who died in 1933, leaving her $50,000. Between the years 1933 and 1940 she stated that a good investment had increased the principle three-fold. She said her financial affairs were handled in Chicago by JOSEPH RESNICK and in New York by DAVID J. WOLPER. She stated she had instructed Wolper to invest in her behalf in the Hurricane Restaurant and take active part in its operation. She herself did not propose to take any active part in the business. Her previous addresses were set forth as, Beverly Hills, California; Miami, Fla; Chicago, Ill., and New York, N.Y. She averred that during the winter of 1941, she spent considerable time in Miami, where she was constantly in the company of one MAJOR RIDDLE of Chicago. She said her engagement to MAJOR RIDDLE was announced in all the Miami papers. HILL further set forth that RIDDLE frequented racetracks and

said, "I am certain any reference made regarding my association with a Chicago bookmaker must have had MAJOR RIDDLE in mind." With reference to the paragraph in ED SULLIVAN'S column, above mentioned, HILL said she had instructed her attorney to file suit.

On June 6, 1941, McIlhargy said that VIRGINIA HILL had stated to ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN, one of the investigative agents for the State Liquor Authority, that she had been married three times. Her first husband was GEORGE ROGERS; her second a man named GRIFFITH and her third husband was a man named GONZALES. She further stated she was presently engaged to JOHN CARROLL, movie actor.

The records in the State Liquor Authority further reflected in August of 1941, that HILL transferred her interest in the HURRICANE RESTAURANT to DAVID WOLPER, her attorney. Her stock previously had been owned by WOLPER as Trustee. The State Liquor Authority was concerned with whether or not the transfer of the stock to Wolper as outright owner was bona fide and accordingly he was ordered to establish this fact. The State Liquor Authority was advised by Wolper that the transfer of stock was made in settlement of attorney's fees owed to him by HILL and to advise the Authority of the basis for the attorney's fees, Wolper, on January 19, 1942, submitted an affidavit to the State Liquor Authority setting forth certain of his business relationships with HILL, as a result of which HILL was indebted to him for legal services. The first item was a $1000 fee for obtaining a divorce at New York City for VIRGINIA HILL from CARLOS GONZALES in 1941. Action with respect to the divorce was first undertaken in 1940, When VIRGINIA HILL was residing at the HOTEL BOULEVARD.

On August 6, 1940, a copy of the summons and complaint was caused to be served on GONZALES according to Wolper's affidavit, and HILL'S husband thereafter called at Wolper's office intimating that unless some financial adjustment were made he would contest the action since from the date of their marriage HILL had supported him. Wolper set forth he had talked Gonzales out of contesting the action. In August of 1940, Wolper conferred with Hill relative to her protege, a motion picture actor, then having contract difficulties. He flew to California at her request and spent 7 weeks there straightening out the actor's contract trouble with his studio, METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER. Wolper set forth that the actor, whom he did not name, was still with M-G-M, as of the date of the affidavit. He said HILL agreed to pay him $1500 for the California trip and on December 10, 1940 he received $500 on account.

WOLPER deposed that on April 23, 1941, there was entered a final judgment of divorce in the case of VIRGINIA HILL GONZALES vs. CARLOS GONZALES.

In April 1941, Wolper began discussions with HILL and with IRVING ZUSSMAN relative to her proposed interest in the HURRICANE RESTAURANT. On May 5th, 1941 she gave him a diamond bracelet to send to JOE EPSTEIN in Chicago and insure it for $15,000. He said she gave him no information why she was sending the bracelet but he thought it was to be pledged to obtain necessary funds for investment in the HURRICANE. On May 5, 1941, he received $1500 cashier's check from HILL to apply on the Hurricane venture and on the next day he conferred with MIGUELITO VALDES and one CORVELLO regarding the contract for appearance at the HURRICANE. On May 7 WOLPER said, he drew a contract to bring in the Mexican actor NEGRI whom he described as another protege of HILL'S. NEGRI resided in Mexico and Wolper also discussed with HILL the question of securing necessary permission for his entry into the United States.

On May 9, 1941, he received from HILL a check in the amount of $3400 to apply on the Hurricane deal. On June 19, 1941, he advised, HILL, who was then residing at the ESSEX HOUSE, that the Hurricane officers had refused to issue a new stock certificate in her name unless she would put up the $3000 balance then due from her to the corporation. Her agreement called for her investing $7000 and since at that time she had invested $4000 the corporation wanted the balance. At this time Wolper said he agreed to accept the fee of $3000 for looking after HILL'S interests in the HURRICANE investment. On August 6, 1941, HILL said she decided against paying the balance of $3000 to the Hurricane Corp. and proposed that she sign to Wolper outright, her interest in the Hurricane in lieu of all attorney's fees, then owing by her to Wolper. He accepted the proposal.

Wolper further set forth in his affidavit that he had represented HILL since June 1939, and on occasions had gone into various real estate propositions for her as well as talking to parties seeking financial investments by her, including GEORGE JESSEL who wanted her to invest in his show "HIGH KICKERS". WOLPER advised against this investment.

McILHARGY said that when the liquor license application was filed in May 1941 by the Hurricane Corp. in which HILL was interested the following officers were listed:

IRVING ZUSSMAN, 200 W. 54th St. -President.

JAMES SHEAN, 82-15 Britton Ave. Elmhurst, L.I.- Vice Pres. & Secretary.

DAVID WOLPER, 160 Central Pk.So. - Treasurer.

McILHARGY stated that ZUSSMAN has recently gone into the Army and that the present corporation set up lists SHEAN as President & Secretary; WOLPER as Vice-president & Treasurer and ABRAHAM J. WASSER, Hotel

Greystone as Director. WOLPER is reported to be devoting most of his time at present to the affairs of the club which McIlhargy said was making money.

CHARLES O. LAWSON, Chief Inspector, New York Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 2 Lafayette St., reviewed his file on VIRGINIA HILL and the HURRICANE RESTAURANT but had no information to submit not already determined from the State Liquor Authority.

The records in the office of the Clerk of the New York State Supreme Court, Foley Square, revealed under Index No.30481-1940 in Calendar #4698 that a divorce action entitled, VIRGINIA VALADEZ GONZALES vs CARLOS VALADEZ GONZALES, was filed November 20, 1940, and that on January 22, 1941, an interlocutory judgment was signed, the divorce to become final three months later. An inspection of pleadings in this case were refused the agent by GEORGE HIBNER, Law Clerk in whose custody these records are entrusted, he stating that under New York State law such an inspection can be made only upon Court order or upon authorization of the parties concerned or their legal representatives. In view of the fact that the divorce action was uncontested and that HILL was the plaintiff, no further effort will be made to inspect these records.

It is to be noted that in the LOOK Magazine article with respect to HILL, issue of August 12, 1941, elsewhere herein referred to a picture of CARLOS VALADEZ is printed. He is described as HILL'S ex-husband No.3, a Mexican dancer.

The following information was developed with respect to the subscribers to telephone numbers called from HILL'S apartments at the ESSEX HOUSE, SAVOY-PLAZA and MADISON HOTELS:

IRVING ZUSSMAN
48 W. 48th St., N.Y.C.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 393 7th Ave. hereinafter referred to as Source A, reflect as of April 26, 1940, that Zussman was single; resided then at 21 W. 58th St. and was engaged in business for himself as a publicity and press relations man. A search of the files of Confidential Informant T-1, was made, with negative results. The current issue of the N.Y.Telephone Directory lists Zussman with two addresses; 1619 Broadway, Tel: COL 5-1995, and 501 Madison Ave., Tel: Plaza 8-1017.

It is to be recalled that the files of the State Liquor Authority revealed that Zussman was connected with the Hurricane Restaurant as President at the time Hill became financially interested therein. It is also noted that the telephone number listed for Zussman at the address 501 Madison Ave. as set forth above, is listed to ABE WEISER, 147 E. 45th St.

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ABE WEISER
147 E. 45th St. N.Y.C.

Source A reports he filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy Southern District of New York, July 9, 1942. Business not stated. The files of Confidential Informant T-1, were negative with reference to Weiser.

MARION FREEDMAN
850 7th Ave. N.Y.C.

Source A reports this individual as a dressmaker operating in her own apartment at the address stated. The files of Confidential Informant T-1, reveal a MRS. MARION F. FREEDMAN on March 3, 1941, was listed as a member of the Stuyvesant Peace Council of the American Peace Mobilization. The address of this individual was listed as 337 E. 24th St., N.Y.C.

MAX B. CANE
35-45 79th St.
Jackson Hgts, L I., N.Y.

Source A negative. Confidential Informant T-1 reports, CANE a German alien and a real estate broker at 512 5th Ave., N.Y.C.

HOWARD REINHEIMER
11 E. 41st St., N.Y.C.

Source A reports him to be an attorney residing at 983 Park Ave. with a family living at 25 E. 67th St., N.Y.C. The files of Confidential Informant T-1 were negative.

GEORGE HEEMSATH
137-29 243 St.
Rosedale, L.I., N.Y.

Source A reports this individual died October 22, 1940, and had been a New York Fireman. His survivors were his widow, the former MARIE DZURAK, a son Walfred, a daughter Marion, a sister Mathilda Borelli, and a brother Henry Heemsath. The files of Confidential Informant T-1 were checked with negative results.

MIGUEL VALDEZ
146 W. 79th St., N.Y.C.

It is presumed this individual is identical with MIGUELITO VALDEZ. The records of Source A, and Confidential Informant T-1, were checked

against this name with negative results. The files of the New York Police Department revealed nothing regarding this individual. As above set out, it was determined that the telephone issued to MIQUEL VALDEZ was cancelled as of September 14, 1942. The address Valdez occupied at the time this 'phone number was issued to him, is an apartment house where it was reported the individual is no longer a tenant. No effort was made to determine the actual current residence of VALDEZ.

MANUEL OVIEDO
250 W. 85th St., N.Y.C.

The files of Source A were negative. The files of Confidential Informant T-1, reveal an individual bearing this name and residing at 261 West End Avenue, New York City, was reported to be a member of CASA de ESPANA. The files also reflected an individual of identical name was listed among the members of the firm known as "The National Spanish Relief Association, Inc." 20 Vesey St., N.Y. No effort was made to determine if the individuals were identical.

O. H. FOGG
270 Park Avenue, N.Y.C.

Source A reports this individual is Vice-chairman of the Board of Consolidated Edison Co. 4 Irving Place, New York City. In a report dated February 27, 1942, he was listed as middle-aged; 9 months married to the former MRS. GRACE H. DALZELL, widow of the late GEORGE HOWLAND DALZELL. FOGG was reported to have grown children by a previous marriage. His bank is the Corn Exchange Bank, Union Sq. branch. He is considered a man of substantial income and his salary for 1938 is $55,902.00 according to a report made to the S.E.C. The files of Confidential Informant T-1 were negative.

The following names were checked against the files of Confidential Informant T-1, and Source A, with negative results:

BETTY BRUCE
FRANK TANNEHILL
MICHAEL PATTI
RAYMON CHEVESTRE
AUGUSTA MANN
DR. MORTON S. BISKIND

The files of Source A revealed a report dated March 30, 1936, on one AUGUSTO DE CASTRO who had been residing at 370 Central Park West, and who is listed as a $145 per month bookkeeper for the ROYAL INSURANCE CO. 150 William St., N.Y.C. He was born in 1910; is married and has two children. It is to be noted that the holder of a telephone number called from HILL'S room at the Essex House was AUGUSTI DECASTRO, 15 W. 66th St.

With respect to DAVID J. WOLPER, Hill's attorney, the files of Confidential Informant T-1 were checked, with negative results. Source A's records indicated in a report dated September 27, 1939, that he was then residing at 37 E. 64th St. It was stated he had been an attorney for a number of years but no figures on his income were available. His bank was the Chase National Bank, 60th & Park Ave. branch.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1, mentioned in instant report is the files of the New York Field Division as follows:

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will contact the AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO. to determine the individual purchasing cashier's checks in the amounts of $500; $300 and $100, two of which were payable to VIRGINIA HILL and which should have been returned to the Chicago bank, clearing through the Federal Reserve Bank on about September 21, 1942. These checks were cashed in New York City on September 19th, and deposited the same day. This confirms teletype dated September 22, 1942. Cont.

Will discreetly determine from HARRY LEVINSON at LEVINSON'S LOANS, INC. 739 N. Park St., any information relative to that individual's dealings with HILL. It is to be recalled from instant report that cashier's checks in the amounts of $3400 dated May 6, 1941, and $1500 dated May 22, 1941, were purchased by Levinson for Hill at the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Chicago. Cont.

Will determine the holder of telephone number SUPERIOR 8093 Chicago.

BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

* At Bessemer, Alabama, Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the background of HILL and if possible, to ascertain the source of her income. It is noted that Bessemer was her home town.

* The utmost discretion should be used in order that the Bureau's interest in VIRGINIA HILL not become known to her or anyone interested in her. Cont.

ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

* At Marietta, Georgia, will conduct appropriate investigation to develop information concerning the background of VIRGINIA HILL and to ascertain the source of her income.

* Will ascertain the subscriber to telephone number 1088 Marietta, Georgia, to whom HILL has made numerous telephone calls. Cont.

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* Will contact the Marietta National Bank for any information they may have concerning VIRGINIA HILL. It is noted that the Marietta National Bank in a letter to the Essex House in New York City stated that they were acquainted with HILL and that she had handled Western Union drafts and Traveller's Checks through them. Complete information concerning these drafts and traveller's checks should be developed with a view to ascertaining HILL'S source of income.

* The utmost discretion should be used in order that the Bureau's interest in VIRGINIA HILL not become known to her or anyone interested in her.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

* At Beverly Hills, California: will contact the Bank of America to ascertain if VIRGINIA HILL has an account there possibly under the name of VIRGINIA D'ALGY or some other name. It is noted that she gave the Bank of America as a reference while staying at the Essex House, New York City; however, the Bank of America replied that they had no account entitled VIRGINIA HILL.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, N.Y. will through Special Service Contact continue to develop more information concerning VIRGINIA HILL.

Will recontact SIDNEY DICKETTS, Managing Director, HOTEL MADISON, 15 E. 58th St., and BERNARD L. PATTERSON, Assistant Manager, same hotel, for further information with respect to HILL and her source of income.

Will also obtain telephone numbers called by HILL from her apartment at the MADISON HOTEL, subsequent to September 20, 1942.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE CHANGED:

VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Tillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON.

CHARACTER OF CASE

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HILL listed birth date as 8/25/17, at Bessemer, Ala., on affidavit made in NY in 1941, to State Liquor Authority. Bills totaling $225.63 of HILL at SAVOY-PLAZA HOTEL for 2 weeks, in August 1942, paid by MIGUELITO VALDES, entertainer, said to have been only male contact while at this hotel. Reported by Gossip Columnist 9/18/42 to be her husband. HILL currently at Madison Hotel. On 9/19/42 cashed $700 in cashier's checks issued by American National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. HILL relinquished interest in HURRICANE night club in August 1941. Obtained divorce in NY in 1941 from CARLOS VALDEZ GONZALES. Subscribers of 'phone numbers called from her hotel rooms set out.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-20-85 BY 9145 [illegible]

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. D. Stewart, dated 8/27/42 at New York, N.Y.

DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked Changed to add the additional alias of VIRGINIA GONZALES to the name of subject.

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TITLE CHANGED
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cot"

CHARACTER OF CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In February, 1937 subject "under suspicion" by L.A. Police Department but clarifying information not obtainable. Subject called CARLOS BARBEE, Honorary Vice-Consul of a South American country, in Hollywood from New York City on 12/16/41. JOHN CARROLL, movie actor and consort of subject for several years, interviewed. States that COLLEEN WHITNEY who was with subject on West Coast the first part of 1942, was identified to him by subject as being MIMI CAPONE, wife of RALPH CAPONE (brother of AL CAPONE). Informant also stated subject has given JUAN ROMERO about $50,000. States she would need an income of $2,000 a day to keep up with her expenditures; that subject once boasted she could get a million dollars any time she wanted it. Informant stated he believes that one of her sources of income, among other possibilities, is that she is "hooked up" with Chicago racketeers and operators of bookie joints.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau file number 62-68739.

Bureau teletype dated September 17, 1942.
Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942.
Report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE, Atlanta, September 20, 1942.
Report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE, New York City, September 26, 1942.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to set forth the additional alias of "COT" for subject as developed during an investigation by the Atlanta Field Division and reflected in the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated September 4, 1942, at Atlanta, Georgia. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated September 20, 1942, at Atlanta, Georgia, in which is set forth the various money orders apparently sent to Atlanta, Georgia, for the credit of subject's mother by subject. It will be noted that the sender of these various money orders in many instances is VIRGINIA HILL and that as sender there also appears the name J. EPSTEIN. Consideration should also be given to adding as additional aliases of subject HILL, the names VIRGINIA JUAN, VIRGINIA WATSON, VIRGINIA DIETCH and VIRGINIA DEGBY, inasmuch as it is possible that these are all names used by subject. Investigation conducted by the Chicago Office should definitely ascertain whether these are names used by HILL. This title is also being changed to delete the name of ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON as one of the subjects in this case inasmuch as investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Field Office has reflected that he for a short time only was a publicity man for HILL and subsequent investigation throughout the country has failed to indicate that they are at all connected at the present time.

It will, however, be kept in mind by the Los Angeles Field Office that the original information about HILL indicated that SOLOMON might have information which would be pertinent to this investigation but to date it has not been deemed advisable to interview him. However, this factor will be continually kept in mind by the Los Angeles Office and if possible, SOLOMON will be questioned in some manner to elicit what information he may have.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ROBERT L. BLACKWELL dated at Chicago August 31, 1942, reflecting that the Chief of Detectives in Chicago had been contacted by the Chief of Detectives at Los Angeles with reference to HILL.

A search was made through the Identification Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department and the office of the Chief of Detectives on August 19, 1942, for all available information with reference to HILL. Nothing was located other than a copy of a letter to the Chicago Police Department dated February 1, 1937, this same letter being mentioned in the report of Agent BLACKWELL. There was, of course, the reply from the Chicago Police Department that no record of subject was found. In addition, there was a copy of a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department to the Bureau dated February 3, 1937 likewise inquiring for information about HILL. In the file was the Bureau's reply of February 9, 1937, stating that no record had been found. There was no information in the file of the Los Angeles Police Department setting forth the reason for inquiry on the part of that Department. The file stated only that she was "under suspicion". JOSEPH F. TAYLOR, Chief of Detectives in Los Angeles at that time, has since

retired and all mail going from the Detective Bureau went out over his signature. Agent was advised that it was most unlikely that he would have any recollection of what the matter concerned.

With reference to the Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942, calling attention to the report of Special Agent J. S. STEWART dated August 29, 1942, at New York City, setting forth long distance telephone calls made by HILL from the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York, appropriate inquiry was made, and it was learned that GLadstone 8076 called by HILL from New York on December 16, 1941, was at that time listed in the name of CARLOS BARBEE, 7662½ Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. On May 14, 1942, the number was changed to State 40068, likewise a non-published number, but still listed to CARLOS BARBEE, at a new address, however, 14455 Dunbar Place, Van Nuys, California.

HARRY CROCKER, special service contact of this office ascertained on October 1, 1942, through ALLEN GORDON, previously mentioned as the public relations man for MIGUILITO VALDEZ, that CARLOS BARBEE is the Assistant Consul to Uruguay in Los Angeles. CROCKER recalled meeting BARBEE at one of the parties at Falcon's Lair given by JUAN ROMERO.

[redacted] who also attended this cocktail party, made inquiry on October 5, 1942, of GILBERT SOTO, a Hollywood correspondent for numerous South American newspapers with reference to BARBEE. [redacted] was told that BARBEE spells his name BARBE and that he is an American citizen; that he is the Honorary Vice-Consul of Ecuador; that he is not married; that he owns his own home; that recently he worked in a government "short" made by the Signal Corp at the Fox Studio located on Western Avenue in Los Angeles. Therein he played the part of a pilot. In addition, BARBE has been a technical expert on various pictures where the Argentine was portrayed. It was estimated that BARBE is about 29 years of age. Further information with reference to this individual will be developed by the Los Angeles Office. b7D

Special Agent HUBERT F. GORDON of this Office on October 5, 1942, ascertained at the office of the Retail Merchants Credit Association the following information with reference to CARLOS J. BARBE:

Former addresses: 1126 North Vista, 7850 Sunset Boulevard, 2422 South Western Avenue, 1825 South Oxford and Montevideo (Uruguay), South America; occupation: Central Casting Corporation, 5504 Hollywood Boulevard (in December 9, 1939). This is the agency whereby extras obtain work in pictures. His age was given as about 40; marital status: divorced September 24, 1935 by one LAURA CAMILLE. In a report dated December 13, 1939, it was stated that he was a free lance actor who claimed to be making $300 per week from his acting; had income of $100 per month from property owned in South America valued at $25,000. He

had been in this section of the country since 1933. Under credit there was no recent record except the installment purchase of tires paid for properly from 1936 to 1939. On December 13, 1939, he owned a 1937 Packard. In an additional report dated January 4, 1941, he was doing temporary work for R.K.O. Studio, 780 North Gower Street, Hollywood. LOU IRWIN, 9134 Sunset Boulevard was listed as his agent in pictures for a period of about six weeks. The Security-First National Bank, Hollywood and Cahuenga Branch, was listed as his bank and it was stated he had a savings and a checking account under $100. The observation was made that there was no salary attached to his position as Vice-Consul. His father was said to be very wealthy.

With reference to the lead in report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE dated September 26, 1942 at New York City for the Los Angeles Office to make appropriate inquiry at the Bank of America in Beverly Hills about HILL'S finances, the same has already been done and reported to the Bureau.

CHARLES ROSHON, special service contact of this office, who is a sound technician employed at various major studios, was contacted by the writer on October 2, 1942, with reference to the reliability of JOHN CARROLL, the movie actor, who was known to be a good friend of ROSHON. The last named was not told the reason for interview with CARROLL and after ROSHON vouched for the discretion of CARROLL, arrangements were made and he was interviewed by the writer on October 2 and 3, 1942.

CARROLL resides at 8582 Lookout Mountain, Hollywood, California, confidential telephone number GRanite 9150.

The necessity for keeping the Bureau's inquiry with reference to HILL entirely confidential was impressed upon CARROLL, and he stated he would say nothing to anyone. When subject's name was mentioned, CARROLL expressed considerable feeling, surprise, etc., and led off with the remarks that he had often wondered if the government wouldn't some day be inquiring about her. He told the following regarding his knowledge and association with subject HILL:

In 1936 CARROLL, with his wife and child, were in Europe, and while there his agent rented the house in which he is still living. He was told that it was rented for $175 per month and that the rent had been paid six months in advance. About the end of 1936 CARROLL said he returned to this country, went to his home and observed a chauffeur in the back yard throwing some of his (CARROLL's) Capehart records into the air and shooting a .22 rifle at them. CARROLL inquired as to who he was and the chauffeur told him he was working for VIRGINIA HILL. CARROLL stated he threw the last record in the air for the chauffeur to shoot. In all about $3,000 worth of Capehart records had been destroyed. Later, CARROLL said, VIRGINIA HILL paid for them. The chauffeur did not know where the lady of the house was at that time and said he had been living there for several months as she was out of the city.

A few weeks later CARROLL was in a night club and observed a woman looking at him. He did not know who she was. That night after returning to his home and going to bed, he heard his door open and someone walked into his room and with the statement, "I owe this to you", put something on his dresser and walked out. CARROLL said that one of HILL's outstanding features is the fact that her blue eyes shine in the dark. This he observed at this time, not knowing who she was but guessed that it was HILL. On getting up and turning on the lights CARROLL found $1500 in cash on the dresser. He assumed that it was VIRGINIA HILL who had been in his room.

Several weeks later a Russian woman whom he knew, called him on the telephone and said there was a girl at her place who wanted to meet him. CARROLL said he got his chauffeur and drove to this woman's home (whose name he subsequently recalled as being Countess SONIA). She owns a restaurant on Washington Boulevard in this city at the present time. He went to her house and there for the first time he met VIRGINIA HILL. There followed several years of association with HILL which will be mentioned in detail later.

With reference to the Countess SONIA, [redacted] previously mentioned, advised Agent that she at one time ran a cafe in Hollywood known as a "les" joint and had been sponsored for a while by Lady MENDL, MARLENE DIETRICH and others of that proclivity. The cafe failed and she then opened a restaurant on Washington Boulevard. b7D

CARROLL in discussing VIRGINIA HILL pointed out that on one of the more recent visits of HILL to the West Coast they went to a party held at Countess SONIA's and the hat-check girl employed there at the time HILL mentioned had traveled with her as her secretary for several years. CARROLL will endeavor to ascertain the identity of this girl as well as further information about the Countess SONIA. He did not believe, in view of her close friendship with HILL, that Countess SONIA could be interviewed by the Bureau. CARROLL described Countess SONIA as follows:

Age	40 to 45
Height	5' 2"
Hair	Blonde (peroxide)
Complexion	White
Figure	Good
Weight	120 lbs.
Speech	Russian accent

CARROLL stated that about a year ago this past summer representatives of the Treasury Department had questioned HILL with reference to her income tax reports. She was then staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel and CARROLL was present during the interview. He pointed out that he doubted if HILL had ever made an income tax return inasmuch as she never has more than several thousand dollars in a bank account. It is CARROLL's theory, among others, as far as her

finances are concerned that HILL gets money from some individuals who first pay the tax on it; therefore, she is not liable for any income tax inasmuch as this money came to her purportedly as a "gift". He explained that it is his belief that she has "set up" various individuals in either restaurant or bookie joints and in appreciation they "give" her money. CARROLL said that in order to have a fund sufficient to keep up with her expenditures, HILL would need to receive approximately $2,000 a day. He cited as typical of her extravagance the fact that she would buy a new fur coat, go into a night club; the hat check girl would admire the coat and HILL would take it off and give it to her.

CARROLL advised that seldom, if ever, does HILL do any purchasing in her own name, sign any checks or even sign a letter. Her favorite trick is to pick up some girl to travel around with her and let this girl do all the buying and "fronting" for her. As an example of this, he stated that the last time HILL was on the West Coast she had with her a woman who used the name of MISS WHITNEY. Actually, MISS WHITNEY is MRS. MIMMI CAPONE, the wife of RALPH CAPONE (brother of AL CAPONE), more recently from Florida.

CARROLL said that when WHITNEY was in town, she did not live with HILL at Falcon's Lair but rather had an apartment on the "Sunset Strip" near the Mocambo Night Club. He described WHITNEY as being about 26 years of age; blondish type; tall, on the slender side; attractive, with a forward personality and who would have a superficial social dominance. CARROLL said he believed that RALPH CAPONE is now dead. He further pointed out that he, himself, spent some of his younger years in Chicago and used to, during prohibition, "run liquor" for them; that is, he said he would take some packages and deliver them to a certain place, not being told what was in the packages but well realizing that it was probably illicit liquor. CARROLL said he also knew JAKE LINGALE.

For the information of the Chicago Office, at the time VIRGINIA HILL was in this city in June of this year, there appeared an item in the Los Angeles Daily News under date of June 22, 1942, setting forth that MISS VIRGINIA HILL had presented to the Jewish Home a check for $1,000. Efforts were made to trace this check down, and it was learned that the check had actually been issued by COLLEEN WHITNEY and was drawn on the Security-First National Bank of Beverly Hills. No account for MISS WHITNEY could be located at that bank. It is presumed that this is the same WHITNEY mentioned by CARROLL.

CARROLL said he spent quite a bit of time with HILL in Chicago and observed that wherever they went, it was usually a place frequented by gangsters in Chicago and that all of them "bowed and scraped" to her and because he was with her they "bowed and scraped" to him. It appeared to CARROLL that they were afraid of HILL.

CARROLL mentioned that JOE EPSTEIN, bookmaker in Chicago, was one man from whom she secured money. He said he could not understand what she had

on him, pointing out that she would call EPSTEIN on the telephone, or speak to him in his presence, use the foulest language in addressing him (although never emphasizing his Jewish background) and tell him to get her $20,000 or whatever amount she wanted and to do it right now. CARROLL said that EPSTEIN would always get the money for her.

Another man in Chicago gangland who CARROLL said was well known to HILL is one KUSAK (possibly spelled Qusak--phonetic). CARROLL recalled that HILL mentioned she had spent some time on his yacht.

HILL also spends a great deal of time when in Chicago at the Chez Paree which CARROLL described as a place where gangsters hang out. CARROLL stated that the manager of this establishment, MIKE FRITZEL was acquainted with HILL. Other friends of HILL in Chicago listed by CARROLL are one "DINGY" who hangs around a bookie shop at 180 North Randolph Street; JACK DIETZ who is connected with Banner Pictures at 180 North Randolph Street. It is noted in the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated at Atlanta September 20, 1942, that on April 15, 1941 one VIRGINIA DIETCH sent $50 from Hollywood to the credit of subject's mother in Marietta, Georgia. It is possible that CARROLL spelled this name wrong and it is really JACK DIETCH. This would appear to possibly substantiate CARROLL's theory that HILL is connected up with book-makers in a business way.

Another of subject's friends is one LON JACKSON who also hangs around 180 North Randolph Street, Chicago. With reference to this man, CARROLL said he had been kicked around by the mob and treated as a servant to the extent that possibly he could be brought around to the side of the government.

CARROLL stated that probably JOE EPSTEIN was really the only guy in Chicago who could give the low-down on VIRGINIA HILL. He said he doubted if her family knew anything about her, pointing out that they are the simple type and that HILL told them that she had gotten her money from some rich man she had married.

CARROLL had in his files the card of DAVID J. WOLPER, Attorney, 1619 Broadway, Suite 412, telephone: Columbus 58288-9 in New York City. He said WOLPER had done a lot of legal work for HILL. It is noted in the report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE dated September 26, 1942, at New York City, that considerable information is set forth reflecting WOLPER's connection with HILL. It is suggested that inquiry be made by the New York Office to determine whether WOLPER can be interviewed by the Bureau for his knowledge of HILL. CARROLL said he had once met WOLPER, who is of Jewish extraction, and in this connection he observed that there are always Jews or Mexicans in any set-up where HILL is involved.

Two years ago, as best CARROLL could estimate, he said he was in New York with HILL and recalled her mentioning on several occasions she had

to go down to Washington, D. C. She never mentioned who she saw or why she had to go.

CARROLL volunteered his services to the Bureau in any way possible and said that he would be glad to go to New York City if it would in any way serve the Bureau's purpose; that he would do this for expenses. He indicated that his own financial circumstances were not too good at the present time. He stated he estimated he had spent about $20,000 on HILL and that should he go to New York, it would cost him about $1,000 a week. CARROLL was not pressed as to the intimacy of his relation with HILL but he volunteered, during the interview, that he had always kept away from her physically because he was afraid that she might have a social disease which she would not be beyond passing on to him. He stated they never stayed in the same room; that when they would go out at night, it was always to some night spot. She would invite everybody she knew to the table and hand him the bills to pay. He said she had showered gifts on him and at one time wanted to give him a big automobile. He explained he refused it because of the publicity which would result.

As another illustration regarding HILL he cited an instance where she made arrangements to send him some money from the East Coast and when she got out here he was to turn it over to her. This, he said, is typical of the way she handles money.

CARROLL was asked if he should go to New York for the purpose of assisting the Bureau in its investigation, just how much he could learn about HILL's daily activities. He said it would probably not be much because when they would go out at night, they would be seated at a table, she would excuse herself to go to the ladies' room and never come back that night. The next day she would call him and suggest they go to some other night spot. In connection with her disappearance when they would be out for an evening, CARROLL said once they were in New York and she walked out of the night club and was gone for a week.

CARROLL also pointed out that at the present time MIGUELITO VALDEZ is in the driver's seat with HILL and that he would probably have to get him out of the way before he could move in. He said that for $2,000 VALDEZ would do most anything. In another part of the interview, CARROLL mentioned that HILL always enjoys pitting one man against another and that she would probably like nothing better than being in bed with both CARROLL and VALDEZ. In connection with her associations with Mexicans and South Americans, etc., CARROLL said that HILL has a great love for the colored people and that she does not draw the color line in her intimacies. In this connection CARROLL called attention to the race troubles which periodically break out in Chicago, Illinois, and suggested that perhaps HILL might be connected with some colored group which was endeavoring to establish greater rights for their race.

CARROLL further explained that whenever they were in Chicago, JOE EPSTEIN was usually along and he too would leave the table for long periods of time as if he were keeping some appointment. EPSTEIN also made several

trips to New York with HILL. CARROLL described him as a "mild mannered Jew, but a sneak".

Agent was advised that since December 7, 1941, HILL has not been so flashy with her money, presumably the war causing her to quiet down. CARROLL, however, observed that whatever she is involved in has her so enmeshed by this time that the war will make no difference. He stated that if the Bureau was not aware of her present whereabouts that no doubt she could be dead.

CARROLL had several pictures of HILL and himself, in two of which she was looking at him with an obviously endearing glance. EPSTEIN appeared in one picture. CARROLL stated that at the time it was taken in a night club, EPSTEIN objected strenuously to it. Agent inquired as to whether HILL was in love with him (CARROLL) and the latter replied that he did not know. He said that it had come to his attention, however, that wherever she went she always talked about him. As far as sex is concerned, CARROLL said that she could take it or leave it. She is a rather heavy drinker, being partial to brandy. In describing her, CARROLL said that actually he believes she is about 25 years of age; her hair is black when natural; she is the type of person who never trusts anybody; she is strong physically, so strong, in fact, that he has known her to knock a man out with a blow of her fist. CARROLL further described her as being "common as dirt and nothing much more than a 'sow's ear'." He stated she thinks like a man and she likes to feel that all men are "nuts" about her and that she is turning them down.

CARROLL was asked to list the associates of HILL who had ever come to his attention or of whom she had spoken and outside of those previously set forth in Chicago and New York, he said he knew none. Agent casually inquired if she was acquainted with any men high in governmental affairs and the only remark she ever made which would so indicate, CARROLL said, was once when she said she could get him a lieutenant commander's commission in the Navy. CARROLL recalled that she has two brothers at the present time in the Navy and another is out on the West Coast going to school and the fourth brother she had set up in a gambling joint.

CARROLL listed a family by the name of MASHAI of Spanish extraction who are friends of hers here in Los Angeles. He did not know where they lived but she frequently visited them when on the West Coast.

On the morning of October 3, 1942, CARROLL called JUAN ROMERO to chat with him and ascertained at that time that HILL was still in New York City, stopping at the Madison Hotel. ROMERO said he had heard from her a week ago at which time she indicated she was thinking of returning to the West Coast because it was getting cold in New York.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE dated September 26, 1942, at New York City, page 5 thereof, where on August 30, at 7:11 P.M. it appears that HILL called WARREN ROMERO at CRestness 68045 and

talked for 10 minutes. This is JUAN ROMERO and the number should be CRestview 68045.

CARROLL said that he is gifted with quite an imagination and had in his own mind considered writing a story about HILL without, of course, mentioning her name. The purpose of the story was to feature the extravagant spending of the girl and he said he had figured out several angles from where her money was coming. However, he was careful to add that he did not know where she got her money. His first theory was based on the fact that about the time the Mexican government took over the holdings of various American oil companies in Mexico, HILL wrote him a letter from Mexico requesting him to submit an affidavit of her character, etc., so she could get back into the United States. Her letter came from Sonora, Mexico and CARROLL searched his files to locate it with negative results. He does not know why she was there but theorizes that it may have had something to do with the oil interests of some big company in Mexico. He continued that it was of his own knowledge that he knew she had been in Mexico City trying to arrange for the opening of a night club which she had purchased for CARLOS VELDEZ one of her former husbands. CARROLL further theorized that in the course of getting some of the Mexicans drunk to pave the way for the concession, it might have come to her attention that the Mexican government was going to take over the oil wells whereupon she immediately went back to the United States, went to some oil company in Texas, say the Humble Oil Company in Houston, Texas, told them they better get rid of their holdings and persuaded them to put them in her name. Thereupon she went back to Mexico became a Mexican citizen through marriage and then held the oil wells for the American companies. Later she divorced the Mexican after appropriate arrangements had been made by the oil companies. Her money today then could be coming from the American executives who were paying her off for the good service she had done.

The second theory for HILL's source of income, and based more on facts, CARROLL pointed out is that she has "hooked up" with the racketeers and gangsters in Chicago and New York. In support of this, he pointed out that she told him that the MISS WHITNEY with her recently was actually the wife of RALPH CAPONE; further, in Chicago, CARROLL observed that she is known to all the gangsters and that they paid her obeisance.

CARROLL's third theory is closely allied with the second, that is, in her "hook up" with gangsters she is operating book shops in the major cities. It was pointed out that she was definitely associated with the Hurricane Night Club in New York and CARROLL said this is an excellent blind for the book shop. A man owns the cafe and he pays taxes on the revenue from the night club which he can usually "paper" to make it look as if it is doing business; actually the money is being made on the races. CARROLL suggests that she puts the man up in business and is paid off by "gifts". However, CARROLL said that if JOE EPSTEIN were ever asked why he gave HILL the various sums of money which

CARROLL knew he had given her, EPSTEIN would probably reply that he "just liked the girl."

CARROLL's fourth and final explanation for HILL's resources is the one previously mentioned that she is "hooked up" with some colored association in Chicago and is being paid off by it.

The last time HILL was on the West Coast CARROLL stated he was talking to her about his position in pictures and in the course of the conversation told her if he had a hundred thousand dollars he could tie up the motion picture industry in a knot. She replied, "What do you think I am, a sucker?" CARROLL said he explained to her that he was not asking her for any money, and then he thought to himself that she had made this remark because she would never give him or anyone else any money unless she could get them into the position of either doing something for her or that the money was a pay-off for something already done. He pointed out that MIGUELITO VALDEZ, who is probably half colored, is being kept around by HILL because she has some purpose for him. Since that conversation, CARROLL said he had not talked with HILL.

Another characteristic of HILL's which was brought up at this point by CARROLL is that she never looks anyone in the eye when she is talking to them.

HILL once observed to CARROLL that she could get a million dollars any time she wanted it.

CARROLL admitted that at one point in their association he was quite interested in the girl and even considered marrying her but before getting to the point of actually asking her, CARROLL said he talked with her about marriage and she said that she did not want any part of it. CARROLL also admitted that he was certainly glad that their association never went any further because he was always afraid that she was going to ask him to deliver some package some place some time or do something which would get him into trouble.

With reference to JUAN ROMERO, CARROLL said he is a Mexican gentleman who has lived most of his life off women. CARROLL stated that HILL has probably given ROMERO $50,000, $16,000 of it when she was last here the early part of this year. He cited the fact that HILL had purchased a picture from ROMERO who is presently trying to sell the RUDOLPH VALENTINO antiques; that she paid ROMERO a fabulous sum for the picture and then presented it to CARROLL.

With reference to ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, CARROLL said he only met him once and that was at a party HILL gave at the Mocambo Night Club. CARROLL knew nothing about him except that HILL had long since dispensed with his services.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, will give consideration to maintaining continuous surveillance on VIRGINIA HILL while she is in New York to definitely ascertain the source of her income and her complete activities.

*Will through Special Service Contact continue to develop more information concerning VIRGINIA HILL.

*Will recontact SIDNEY DICKETTS, Managing Director, HOTEL MADISON, 15 East 58th Street and BERNARD L. PATTERSON, Assistant Manager, same hotel, for further information with respect to HILL and her source of income.

*Will also obtain telephone numbers called by HILL from her apartment at the Madison Hotel subsequent to September 20, 1942.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will ascertain the identity of the telephone subscribers contacted by VIRGINIA HILL as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942:

3-31-41, Kingsley 8851
3-31-41, Perry 2844, MRS. MARA.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana, will ascertain the identity of the telephone subscribers contacted by VIRGINIA HILL as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942:

12-12-41, Mayker 630
12-17-41, Lincoln 6569

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will ascertain the identity of the telephone subscribers contacted by VIRGINIA HILL as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942:

3-31-41, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Franklin 2100
4-1-41, Franklin 2100, MR. RIDDLE
4-1-42, Franklin 2100
4-1-42, Market 4150, MR. RIDDLE
12-15-41, Franklin 2100, FLEISCHMAN
12-21-41, 4660, J. EPSTEIN

Will, if possible, ascertain whether the sender of the money orders set forth in the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated September 20, 1942, at Atlanta, Georgia, wherein the names VIRGINIA WATSON and M. A. MICHELLE are shown, are identical with HILL. Particular effort should be made to identify if possible, M. A. MICHELE.

Will, bearing in mind the information contained in instant report connecting HILL with various gangsters in Chicago, endeavor to--from available sources or those that can be developed--ascertain HILL's connection with such gangsters. Particular attention should be directed to determine the connection between HILL and COLLEEN WHITNEY reportedly MIMI CAPONE, wife of RALPH CAPONE, and if necessary, lead set out for the Miami Office, which office is being furnished copy of this report for its information.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, will obtain all available information in the files of the United States Treasury Department with reference to HILL who was reportedly questioned by a representative of that agency.

Will develop further information through JOHN CARROLL and other available sources with reference to Countess SONIA with particular effort directed to identifying the girl reportedly employed by Countess SONIA who at one time traveled extensively with HILL.

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United States Department of Justice

Birmingham, Alabama,
October 15, 1942.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VIRGINIA HILL,
with aliases,
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON,
INFORMATION CONCERNING. 62-68739-26

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of ~~Special Agent~~ J. S. STEWART, dated August 29, 1942, at New York City in the above entitled matter, which sets out leads for investigation by the Birmingham Field Division at Bessemer, Alabama.

Attention is directed to the report of Special Agent W. A. HAMILTON dated August 27, 1942, at Birmingham, Alabama which reflects the rather comprehensive investigation conducted on the subject at Bessemer.

In view of the latter report no further investigative action is contemplated by the Birmingham Field Division, and this case is being retained in a closed status having been Referred Upon Completion to Los Angeles by the above latter report.

Yours truly,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Los Angeles,
New York

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases, Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Three cashier's checks purchased 9/18/42 by JOSEPH EPSTEIN, two of which are payable to V. HILL and one to I. S. SUSSMAN.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from New York Field Division dated 9/23/42.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mr. EMIL W. COHAULT, Assistant Auditor of the American National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, 33 North LaSalle Street, found that the following cashier's checks were purchased by I. J. EPSTEIN, 4203 Jackson Boulevard on September 18, 1942:

CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
528137	V. HILL	$300
528138	I. S. SUSSMAN	$500
528139	V. HILL	$100
		$900

This EPSTEIN is the same as JOSEPH EPSTEIN.

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Title	Character of case
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases, Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON	INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Listings on telephone calls by HILL from New York ascertained FLEISCHMAN a "bookie" and now in Army. HILL's dealings with Levinson's Lonas, Inc. verified. Mrs. RALPH CAPONE found to be friend of HILL and made trip to Hollywood with her. Long distance calls made by HILL at Sherman Hotel in 1941 obtained. Friend of RIDDLE insists no present relationship with HILL. RIDDLE still operating gambling spot in Moline, Ill. Reported that EPSTEIN gave HILL 50% of his holdings in Chicago recently. HILL and KAY PENTON now at St. Clair Hotel, Chicago. Phone calls from HILL's apartment there monitored and results set forth.

P. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Reference: Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 9/19/42, Bureau file No. 62-68739.
Report of Special Agent Howard L. Gillispie, New York, dated 9/26/42.
Report of Special Agent John E. Keefe, Atlanta, dated 9/20/42
Reports of Special Agent Robert L. Blackwell, Chicago, dated 8/31/42 and 10/13/42.

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Details: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

In the Bureau letter to the Los Angeles Field Division dated September 19, 1942, several telephone numbers were listed as having been made by VIRGINIA HILL from the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City, Franklin 2100 is the Sherman Hotel at North Clark and West Randolph Streets. Mr. HAROLD P. SCHWIND, credit manager stated that Major A. Riddle was registered at the hotel

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from February 2, 1941 to May 1, 1941, but was not there on April 1, 1942. There was also a DAVE FLEISCHMAN registered at the hotel from July 12, 1941 to May 1, 1942. He was reported to be a bookie of some sort. He had a check cashed in the amount of $100 when he left town which was on the bank account of a JACK BURNSTEIN and which was no good. FLEISCHMAN was reached in order to make the check good through his mother, Mrs. EVE FLEISCHMAN, 5893 Page Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The above check was drawn on the Merchant's National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, but when SCHWIND called the bank he was told the only JACK BURNSTEIN with an account there had not drawn such a check. SCHWIND called BURNSTEIN on the telephone and he stated that he had drawn no check like this at any time.

In view of the fact that RIDDLE was registered at the hotel during the time that most of the telephone calls were made to Randolph 2100 it is believed that he is the person that HILL was calling. In the above Bureau letter reference is also made to telephone number 4660 which was probably meant for Superior 4660, the telephone number of the St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, the place of residence of JOSEPH EPSTEIN. In view of this fact EPSTEIN was probably the party who was called by HILL. Reference is also made in this letter to telephone number Market 4150, but there is no such number as this in Chicago. It may have been meant for Haymarket 4150 which number is listed for the Chicago Cardboard Company, 666 W. Washington Boulevard, an old established concern with which Riddle has no connection according to a list of officials of the company obtained from Hill's Reports, Inc., 209 W. Jackson Boulevard. Haymarket 4050 was the telephone number for the Monark Motor Transit System, Inc. 2299 South Lumber Street, which was operated by RIDDLE until about six months ago. This may be the number called from HILL's room in New York on April 1, 1942. The lead set out by the New York Field Division to contact the American National Bank and Trust Company concerning cashier's checks in the amounts of $500, $300 and $100 was covered by the report of the reporting agent dated 10/13/42. Mr. HARRY LEVINSON of LEVINSON'S LOANS, INC., 739 North Clark Street, stated that HILL came into his store on December 26, 1940 and purchased an emerald ring for $1,185, and on March 19, 1941 purchased a marquise diamond ring for $3,500, trading in the $1,185 ring on the latter. On March 19, 1941, she also bought a diamond emerald bracelet for $4,100. All of the above transactions were handled in cash and she was accompanied on both occasions by JOSEPH EPSTEIN. On May 27, 1941, Levinson's Loans, Inc., loaned HILL $2,700 on the marquise diamond ring and on May 6, 1941 loaned $3,400 on the bracelet. EPSTEIN handled these two transactions and went to the Cosmopolitan National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, with ALLAN SPITZ of the store to purchase cashier's checks which were drawn in favor of HILL and forwarded to New York City.

There was no record of a cashier's check in the amount of $1,500 as set forth in the report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE dated September 26, 1942. The pieces on which the loan was made have never been redeemed and are still in stock. Levinson stated that he met EPSTEIN through a DAVE

FLEISCHMAN who LEVINSON believes to be a bookie and who is reportedly in the Army now.

LEVINSON knows FLEISCHMAN due to the fact that he once made a loan to him, but LEVINSON's connection with HILL, EPSTEIN and FLEISCHMAN has been one of purely business and he knows nothing of them otherwise.

Mr. EDWARD W. JOHNSON, auditor of the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Chicago, 801 North Clark Street, collected his records which revealed that New York drafts on the Chase National Bank were purchased by LEVINSON LOANS, INC, as follows:

Payee	Draft No.	Date	Endorser	Amount
Virginia Hill	1771	5/6/41	David J. Wolper	$3,400.00
Virginia Hill	1789	5/27/41	Frances Gailbond c/o Ben W. Cohen Leo Heisler	$2,700.00

Mr. JOHNSON could find no record of a $1,500 item on May 22, 1942. Holder of telephone number Superior 8093 is Mohawk Salvage, 43 E. Ohio Street. An investigation at that address revealed that this company was not listed on the Building Director or in the office of the building manager. Through a pretext it was learned that the office of Mohawk Salvage Company was in Room 425 and Mr. EDWIN R. FRANKLIN, manager of the building, upon being approached by agent concerning this room, stated that it was rented by STERN and HORWICK, who have previously been reported by this office as being a bookie outfit. FRANKLIN stated that the room was used for telephone service from the race track to the Bookies. Since this is the company for which JOSEPH EPSTEIN works it is assumed that he is the person called from HILL'S room at the Savoy Plaza in New York Citynon September 2, 1942. His place of residence is only about two blocks from the above address. STERN and HORWICK have occupied these premises since March, 1942. For the benefit of the Atlanta Field Division, cashier's check #C-63404, dated June 23, 1942, in the amount of $50 was checked with Mr. RALPH GALTRA, Assistant Auditor of the Merchandise National Bank, 222 W. North Bank Drive, and it was ascertained that this cashier's check cleared the first National Bank of Atlanta either on June 25, 1942 or June 27, 1942.

On March 30, 1942, while registered at the Seneca Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, Hill made a telephone call to Cicero 4038, an unpublished number; through the telephone company it was learned that this number was assigned to R. J. CAPPER, 1600 S. Austin Boulevard, Cicero, Illinois. This call was originally set out by the reporting agent on August 31, 1942.

Lt. COMERFORD of the Cicero Police Department, Cicero, Illinois, stated that there was no criminal record for R. J. CAPPER and that he never heard of him. The apartment building at this address is owned by RALPH CAPONE, who at one time lived there. Lt. COMERFORD believed there was a possibility that R. J.CAPPER and RALPH CAPONE are identical. A check of the names on the mail boxes at this address showed that the name of CAPPER and H. SOVA appeared on one of the boxes but there was no RALPH CAPONE listed. Lt. COMERFORD ascertained from the officer on the beat that the apartment is now owned by Justice of the Peace JAMES NOVOTNY. Justice of the Peace NOVOTNY stated that R. J. CAPPER is actually RALPH CAPONE and that he purchased the building from CAPONE on September 15, 1942. The building had previously been in the name of CAPONE's wife, mother and brother whose names are PHESANT. NOVOTNY recalled that CAPONE's wife was at one time a good friend of HILL and went to Hollywood once with her. In view of this fact the call made by HILL at this number was probably to Mrs. CAPONE. It will be noted that CAPONE was opposed to his wife being seen with HILL. NOVOTNY suggested that a Mrs. MURREN knew CAPONE's wife intimately.

Mrs. EVA I. MURREN stated that Mrs. CAPONE and HILL were good friends several months ago but believes that Mrs. CAPONE is antagonistic toward HILL now. Mrs. CAPONE's maiden name was VELMA PHESANT. In the early Spring of 1942 Mrs. CAPONE and HILL went to Cleveland for the opening of Xaviar Cugat's orchestra and then about May of 1942 went to Hollywood where Mrs. CAPONE was known as COLLEEN WHITNEY, the Southern debutante. Mrs. CAPONE stated that upon her return that she had found out in California where HILL got her money. It was from a man in Chicago. MURREN has also heard Mrs. CAPONE say that HILL gets her money from the estates of her three former husbands, one of which she claimed was a Coco Cola heir. Mrs. MURREN has heard the names RIDDLE, VALDEZ, and JOHN CARROLL mentioned as boy friends of HILL's. Mrs. CAPONE stated that HILL came from a poor family in Marietta, Georgia. Mrs. CAPONE left for New York City October 8, 1942, to obtain a position of some kind and Mrs. MURREN will ascertain from Mrs. CAPONE's mother the address in that cit and the name of the company employing her daughter. Mrs. MURREN stated that Mrs. CAPONE seemed a little antagonistic toward HILL since her return from Hollywood and believes she will be perfectly willing to tell all that she knows about HILL. RALPH CAPONE is now separated from his wife and is at present in Mercer, Wisconsin, with his brother AL.

Also in the reporting agent's report of August 31, 1942, it was stated that HILL made a telephone call to Downers Grove, 133-W, from the Seneca Hotel on March 30, 1942. It was ascertained from the telephone company that this number is listed for HENRY C. AHRENS, 1122 Warren Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois. After an investigation was made of this person it was found that Mrs. GLADYS AHRENS employed as a telephone operator by the Seneca Hotel, actually made the telephone call to her brother-in-law's home at Downer's Grove, and charged to the account of HILL.

Mr. HAROLD P. SCHWIND, Credit Manager of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted and the following list of long distance calls made by HILL while registered at that hotel was obtained:

Date	Person Called	Number	City
3-5-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-7-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-7-41	Faulke	50571	Miami Beach, Fla.
3-8-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-8-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-10-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-12-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-14-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-18-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-22-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
3-25-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
4-2-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
4-2-41	-	*Endicott 26980	New York City, N.Y.
4-3-41	-	*Endicott 26980	New York City, N.Y.
4-5-41	-	1088	Marietta, Georgia
4-6-41	-	Crest-91145	Beverly Hills, Calif.
4-6-41	-	Crest-68045	Beverly Hills, Calif.
4-7-41	Romero	Crest-68045	Los Angeles, Calif.

* Indicated in Report of Special Agent Howard L. Gillispie, New York, September 26, 1942 as being Augusti Decastro, 15 W. 66th Street, New York City, New York.

On October 14, 1942, Mr. Malcolm James, manager of the St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, called the reporting agent to inform him that HILL and a KAY PENTON checked in at the hotel at 4:30 P.M. on October 13, 1942. The home address given for both was 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California. The above information was furnished the Bureau and to the Los Angeles Field Division by teletype on October 14, 1942. Arrangements were made with Mr. JAMES for him to monitor all telephone calls made to and from HILL's apartment. The following long distance calls have been made from HILL's apartment since her arrival:

Date	Person Called	Number	City	Time
10-13-42	[illegible]	Circle 61500	New York City	5:00 P.M.
10-13-42	I. Zussman	Bryant 90068	"	8:22 P.M.
10-13-42	Valdez	Circle 61500	"	7:23 P.M.
10-14-42 *	I. Zussman	Mother Kelly's Club	"	3:14 A.M.
10-14-42	Valdez	Circle 61500	"	3:30 P.M.
10-14-42	Riddle	209	Moline, Ill.	3:53 P.M.
10-14-42	Riddle	209	Moline, Ill.	5:14 P.M.

* Call made by Penton and not completed.

The following information was obtained as a result of the monitoring of telephone calls by Mr. James. The long distance calls to Valdez at Circle 61500, New York City, were concerning that HILL wants him to meet her in Chicago and then go to Hollywood. Valdez is coming to Chicago Saturday next and arrangements have been made for him to leave for Hollywood first, HILL and PENTON following later. HILL was forwarding $400 for Valdez to use. The calls to I. ZUSSMAN at Bryant 90068 revealed that ZUSSMAN is the boy friend of KAY PENTON. PENTON left her clothes in ZUSSMAN's apartment and wants him to forward them to Chicago. The calls made to RIDDLE at telephone number 209, Moline, Illinois, revealed that HILL wanted him to send $500 to her in order to purchase clothes for KAY PENTON. RIDDLE asked her what he would get out of it and HILL replied it would be worth his while to comply with her request.

Also reported by Mr. JAMES was a call from HILL's room to Superior 8093, Mohawk Salvage Company, the conversation being a very vulgar one concerning HILL's intimate relations with VALDEZ. HILL seemed to be angry because she was not allowed to enter the office of the Mohawk Salvage Company, previously set out in this report as being a bookie telephone room. HILL called EDDIE STEIN at Chatelline Towers, telephone Whitehall 4542 and told him that she had with her a bottle of bamboo perfume in which he might be interested. HILL also called someone named CLARA at Superior 8133 and told her that she had a bottle of bamboo perfume. The listing of telephone Superior 8133 will be ascertained by this office. Some man called Bittersweet 8508, un unpublished number, from HILL's apartment and told a woman about the perfume also. The listing of this number will also be obtained. Some one from the 885 Club, a night club in Chicago, called HILL's apartment and stated that he was interested in the girl. A call was made from HILL's apartment to Lawndale 9600 and a conversation was had with NATE BOWRIN or BORNE, 1325 S. Cicero Avenue and as a result of the call BOWRIN bought PENTON $250 worth of clothes.

Mr. NAT GROSS, the Town Tattler of the Chicago Herald-American Newspaper, 326 West Madison Street, stated that there is definitely presently no relationship between HILL and RIDDLE. GROSS knows HILL well. He thinks the love has cooled on HILL's side but at any rate is all off. RIDDLE is not connected with the Chicago Carboard Company mentioned elsewhere in this report as having one of the telephone numbers called by HILL from New York. RIDDLE is still in Moline, Illinois, running a gambling spot. RIDDLE's affair with ADA LEONARD, striptease artist, is a thing of the past too, and she is now touring the country with a band. BABE FLEISCHMAN who was called by HILL from New York was formerly a bookie but is now in the Army. He was not a serious contender for the favor of HILL because he did not have money enough for it. The lastest news GROSS has concerning HILL was a piece in Walter Winchell's column recently stating that HILL had won $3,500 and that therefore the cafe owners in New York were happy. GROSS heard recently that JOSEPH EPSTEIN gave HILL a 50% interest in all the property which he owns in Chicago. He further stated that HILL had a terrific hold on EPSTEIN

because of his love for her. HILL has been a generous donator to the Service Men's Center but always anonymously, only once asking in return that Valdez' name be mentioned in his column. GROSS stated that HARRY LEVINSON with whom HILL had buying business and who is mentioned elsewhere in this report, is honest and trustworth. GROSS suggested that CHARLEY CONNWAY, dancer in the current show "My Sister Eileen", knew a great deal about HILL since he was hired as her escort in Hollywood when HILL first went there. He was paid regularly for a time but then she refused to pay him any longer so GROSS believes he will tell all he knows gladly. On October 14, 1942, GROSS called the reporting agent and stated that he saw HILL at the Chez PareaNight Club in Chicago and that she was with EPSTEIN, another Bookie and this latter person's wife. GROSS stated that KAY PENTON is probably HILL's secretary.

It was learned at the Harris Theater, 170 N. Dearborn Street, that "My Sister Eileen" is presently playing in Indianapolis, Indiana, and will be there fore the rest of the week and ending October 16. A letter dated October 19, 1942, was forwarded from this office to Los Angeles suggesting that the income tax returns for HILL and EPSTEIN covering the years 1940 and 1941 be obtained for comparison purposes and also for the purpose of revealing any additional income for Hill.

The name DAVE FLEISCHMAN was checked with Hills Reports, Inc., 209 West Jackson Boulevard with negative results. For the information of the St. Louis Field Division the following background information is given. This investigation wasopened upon instructions from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau and is principally directed toward ascertaining the source of VIRGINIA HILL's income since she has been spending large amounts of money over the past few years and her present connection with a Major A. RIDDLE of Indianapolis, Indiana, who is now operating a gambling spot at Moline, Illinois. It has been ascertained that a part of HILL's income is derived from one JOSEPH EPSTEIN, a bookie in Chicago, who is in love with her. EPSTEIN is an acquaintance of DAVE FLEISCHMAN. This investigation is of major importance and warrants immediate attention. The utmost discretion should be used in order that the Bureau's interest in Virginia HILL may not become known to HILL or anyone associated with her. It is possible that HILL may be involved in some illegal activity which will account for her large income.

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THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

At Miami Beach, Florida, will ascertain connection between HILL and a Mr. FAULKE whose telephone number is 50571 and who was called by HILL on March 7, 1941.

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

At Marietta, Georgia, will ascertain the identity of the person having telephone number 1088 which number was called frequently by HILL during March and April, 1941, and will ascertain that person's connection with HILL.

Will interview Mr. TOM BLUMBY, son of a former mayor of Marietta for additional information on HILL.

At Emory University, Georgia, will interview Mr. CHESS ABERNATHY, Alumni Secretary of Emory University, and former editor of the newspaper at Marietta, Georgia, for additional background information on HILL. In both of the above interviews it is suggested that the name of the reporting agent be mentioned since both are former classmates of his.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Beverly Hills, California, will ascertain identity of person having telephone number Crest 91145 who was called by HILL on April 6, 1941, and that person's connection with HILL.

At Los Angeles, California, will report results of the study of the income tax returns for HILL and EPSTEIN as suggested in our letter of Oct. 9, 1942, if this action has not already been taken.

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri, will develop background information on BABE FLEISCHMAN, whose mother's name and address is Mrs. EVE FLEISCHMAN, 5893 Park Street.

Will attempt to ascertain connection between FLEISCHMAN and HILL.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, will interview CHARLIE CONNOWAY, dancer in the current play "My Sister Eileen", concerning HILL. It is suggested that his present feelings toward Hill be ascertained before proceeding with the interview. This will verify our teletype of October 13, 1942.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Cicero, Illinois, will ascertain the place of employment and address of Mrs. RALPH CAPONE in New York City and the name she is using at the present time from Mrs. EVA I. MURREN, 1600 S. Austin Blvd, telephone number Cicero 3854. A call should be made approximately October 20, 1942. After this information is obtained a lead will be set out for the New York Field Division to interview Mrs. Capone concerning HILL.

At Chicago, Illinois, will ascertain listing for telephone numbers Bittersweet 8508 (an unpublished number) and Superior 8133.

Will follow and report further activities of HILL while in the City.

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Chicago, Illinois
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Director
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Washington, D. C.

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases,
et al; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir

In accordance with Bureau letter of October 10, 1942, the original of the report of Special Agent Robert L. Blackwell, dated September 18, 1942, has been signed and is returned herewith.

Very truly yours

A. H. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of October 16, 1942, suggesting that the returns of Virginia Hill, with aliases, and Joseph Epstein be examined for the years 1940 and 1941.

In accordance with the usual practice in matters of this kind a request will be made through the office of the Attorney General for uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of the above mentioned parties. Therefore, upon receipt from you of the aliases referred to in your letter which you might have reason to believe were used by Virginia Hill in filing her income tax returns as well as her address or addresses during the pertinent period for which you desire the income tax returns, a request will be made for such copies of her income tax returns.

A request is presently being made for uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns filed by Joseph Epstein, 162 East Ohio Street or 4208 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for the calendar years 1940 and 1941.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL at Los Angeles dated October 6, 1942 in this matter, your file 62-68739. You will note therein that it appears VIRGINIA HILL had been questioned by local agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

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It is suggested that you cause the income tax returns of both VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases, and JOSEPH EPSTEIN, 162 East Ohio Street or 4208 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, to be examined for the years 1940 and 1941. It is believed that these documents may possibly reveal additional income tax information on the subject.

Yours truly,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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